

President State University Here

Plans Are Laid For Formation of Johnston Co. Alumni Association.

Plans were laid for the organization of a Johnston county Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina, at a meeting held at the courthouse Wednesday evening. The president of the University, Dr. H. W. Chase, Mr. Len Grant, president of the State Alumni Association, and Mr. Marvin Woodall, president of the Johnston county club at the university, were present and made talks to a goodly number of former students of the State University from different parts of the county and friends of the institution.

Mr. G. A. Martin presided over the meeting and introduced Dr. Chase who reviewed the history of the university since the Civil war when the student body numbered sixty-nine to the past year when 6000 were enrolled, either on the campus during regular school term or during summer or in some extension work. He emphasized the fact that the university is now striving to reach out, to penetrate, and to serve the life of the entire state. He spoke of the place that the North Carolina University holds among the educational institutions of America. It is known nationally and is on a par with the bigger colleges. He stated that North Carolina and the South have suffered for educational facilities in the past. The time was when North Carolinians went to other states for training and to locate after they had become fitted for some vocation. That time is about at an end. The complexity of life today demands trained leadership. The University of North Carolina can furnish adequate training. In his closing remarks he threw out a challenge to the alumni of Johnston county and North Carolina to have a part in the future of their alma mater.

Mr. Grant followed Dr. Chase, speaking specifically in regard to the Johnston county organization. There are now sixty-five associations in the state. Johnston county has the largest number of unorganized alumni in North Carolina. He pointed out the good that an organization might accomplish, and urged that Johnston county accept the challenge which Dr. Chase had thrown down.

Mr. Marvin Woodall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodall, of this city, now a student at the university, was then called upon as president of the Johnston county club which is composed of thirty-six students to invite definite plans for a joint meeting of the club and Johnston county alumni at which time an association will be formed. He told how the club in the past had endeavored to arrange for joint meetings but not with any great success. He suggested that plans for the meeting this year be made by the alumni and the club would cooperate in any way possible. This plan was adopted and Mr. G. A. Martin, the presiding officer, appointed a committee to arrange for a dinner meeting on the evening of Friday, January 1, 1926. This committee is composed of the following: W. P. Aycock, of Selma, chairman, Geo. Y. Ragsdale, Dr. C. C. Massey, of Smithfield; Dr. A. S. Oliver, Judge Ezra Parker, of Benson; Kenneth Conates, of Four Oaks; Dr. George Vick, of Selma; George Whitley, of Kenly, and Mr. Swade Barbour, of Clay-

Rev. W. G. Hughes



Minister Returns to Princeton To Deliver Two Special Lectures, On December 18th and 20th.

Geo. T. Scott Now Acting Chairman

Republican Executive Committee In Session Yesterday Selects Temporary Successor to J. C. Stancil.

The Republican Executive Committee composed of representatives from the various townships in the county met in the courthouse yesterday afternoon and discussed the appointment of the postmasters at Princeton, Clayton, and Benson. The postmaster at Princeton is E. F. Pearce, at Clayton, A. R. Dunbar and Benson, W. P. Lee. These appointments are due to be made early in the new year. The Executive committee yesterday unanimously approved the reappointment of each incumbent.

Mr. J. C. Stancil, chairman of the executive committee, has accepted a position in New York city as alcohol inspector, and leaves this afternoon to take up his duties. This appointment came through the department of Internal Revenue. In the absence of Mr. Stancil, Mr. George T. Scott, treasurer of the county, was chosen to act as chairman. Mr. Stancil has been deputy register of deeds, and his son, Mr. Lawrence Stancil, now a student at State college, will be deputy in his place after January 1st.

DIOGENES, TURN OUT YOUR LIGHT; HE'S DISCOVERED

Shenandoah, Iowa, Dec. 9.—If a moving picture house owner takes a picture that is no good he should tell his patrons so they can stay away. Such is the attitude of C. J. Latta, owner of a local theater, which he outlined today after he had warned customers against seeing a picture booked at his playhouse for two days. He not only advertised in the newspapers his dislike for the film, but posted a bulletin in front of the theater advising patrons his picture was "one of the weakest" he had seen. Latta said he took this action as a policy of honest advertising and would do it again if the occasion demanded.

ARCHER LODGE

Rev. Mr. Stringfield preached a very interesting and impressive sermon at the White Oak Baptist church Sunday. He had a large audience and held them throughout the forty minute sermon with his vivid explanations and illustrations of the power of God and His love. His text was "I will instruct thee in the way in which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye."

Mr. Luther Barnes, who has been in the hospital for two weeks taking a treatment for injuries received in France during the war, has returned home.

Mrs. R. H. Eatman and family, of Princeton, visited Mrs. S. T. Liles last week end.



AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—

I neva raiilly knowed how ugly my ole man wuz till ah had his pictah enlawged.

OLIVER CASE TO SUPERIOR COURT

Trial Is Set For Next Monday; Eugene Rhodes Only Witness In Case Put On Stand In Recorder's Court.

BIG DOCKET TRIED

Interest in Recorder's Court this week centered around the case of the State against Gaston Oliver, a young boy about 16 years old, charged with the murder of James Woodard. Probable cause was found, and the defendant was bound over to Superior Court under a \$5,000 bond. Failing to give bond he was placed in jail where he now awaits trial in the higher court. Eugene Rhodes, a fourteen year old boy living near Pine Level, was the only witness examined. According to young Rhodes, Mr. Woodard had gone Thanksgiving Day to help his brother kill hogs. Archie Woodard, Gladys Woodard and two little ones were left at home. About 8:30 or nine o'clock Gaston Oliver who had been hunting, came by and stopped. He had a single barrel-shot gun. He gave James and the witness, Eugene Rhodes, some ground peas. Later James and Gaston got to wrestling. After they had quit wrestling Gaston took his gun and shot James. The Rhodes boy summoned help and the Woodard boy was rushed to the Smithfield hospital, where he died the following Wednesday evening. This case is set for next Monday.

Another case of interest was that of the State vs. Charlie Boykin charged with assault. It seems that Boykin turned over a can of gasoline in a store in the Moore's school house section, and the son of John Grice was badly burned. The defendant was found guilty of assault, but prayer for judgment was continued upon condition that he pay the cost of the doctor's bill which amounted to \$47.50.

Other cases disposed of were: State against Fulton Norris, Ernest Langston and Shellie O'Neal, charged with affray. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for a term of 90 days to be worked on roads of Johnston county and pay costs.

State vs. Marvin Stokes, charged with assault with auto. Guilty. Discharged upon payment of the costs.

State vs. Napoleon Deans, charged with assault. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for a term of six months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay the costs. Appeal was taken to Superior court. Defendant placed under \$800 bond.

State vs. Marvin Pierce and Arthur Pearce charged with assault. Guilty. Entered plea of guilty. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Willis Smith, charged with violating prohibition laws. Entered plea of guilty. Sentenced to jail for a term of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay costs. Road sentence suspended during good behavior.

State vs. J. A. Massey, charged with giving worthless check. Guilty. Appealed to Superior Court. Placed under \$100 bond.

State vs. Bill App Barbour charged with trespass. Guilty. Fined \$10 and cost. Appealed to Superior Court. Placed under a \$100 bond.

State vs. Elbert Hudson charged with assault. Guilty. Fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. John McLamb charged with assault. Defendant waives presence of warrant and pleads guilty. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs. Henry Pollard charged with affray. Guilty. Fined \$50 and cost. Notice given of appeal.

State vs. Dock Chapin charged with breaking jail. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for term of four months to be worked on the roads.

State vs. John McKay and Philip Thompson charged with forgery. Probable cause found and bound over to Superior Court.

State vs. Jesse Strickland, charged with trespass. Entered a plea of guilty. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of the

Four Oaks Votes Bonds For Water

Election Carries By Majority of 9; Cast 69 Votes For, 60 Against.

The election held in Four Oaks Tuesday to decide whether or not that town should have water and sewerage was carried by a majority of nine. The election calls for a \$70,000 bond issue. One hundred and fifty voters registered for the election. A total of 129 votes were cast, sixty-nine for the bond issue and sixty against. The nine majority was sufficient to carry the election, it not being necessary in an election of this kind to have a majority of the registration. Elections involving necessary improvements require only a majority of the votes actually cast, and while the election itself was not necessary, Four Oaks preferred to put the question to popular vote. The recent fire which wiped out several of the stores and the A. C. L. station was one of the best arguments for a water system that could have happened. The town will now have not only the convenience of water in the homes but a protection in case of fire which will mean a lower insurance rate.

FIRST BASKETBALL GAME HERE WED. NIGHT

Wednesday night December 16, the Banner Warehouse basket ball court will furnish the scene for the opening contest of the local basketballers when they will meet the five from Four Oaks. The local boys have been undergoing very strenuous practice during the past several days and Coach C. L. Walker reports the Smithfield quint to be in fine condition for the game Wednesday night. Come out and back up your home-town team.

NEW YORK-TO-FLORIDA AIR SERVICE POSTPONED

Fayetteville, Dec. 9.—Adverse weather conditions in the north are holding up the first trip of the New York to Florida air mail plane, according to advices received at Pope Field from the Curtiss company, promoters of the service.

At the headquarters of the Fort Bragg air station it was said that no further advices had been received from New York since Lieutenant Harlan W. Holden, the flying field's commanding officer, was notified that the flight had been postponed indefinitely because of weather conditions.

The doctor was examining school children. One youngster was under weight. "You dont drink milk?" "Nope."

"Live on a farm and don't drink milk at all?"

"Nope; we ain't got hardly enough milk for the hogs."

Uncle Jim: "Well, Tommy, did you make any mistakes at school today?"

"Nephew: "Yes. I did a sum right that Mikey Mullegan had failed on."

"But that wasn't a mistake."

"Sure it was. After school he licked me for doin' it."

State vs. T. D. Tart charged with trespass. Guilty. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs. C. B. Byrd charged with removing crops. Guilty.

State vs. W. B. Lee, charged with removing crops. Guilty.

State vs. Black Led, charged with removing crops. Guilty. The sentence in the last three cases was deferred until next Tuesday.

State vs. Boy Love, Isaac Baker, James Hawley, John McLamb, charged with being drunk and disorderly. Baker and Love guilty. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost. Hawley and McLamb not guilty.

State vs. Walter Love, charged with assault. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for four months to be worked on the roads and pay costs. Jail sentence suspended during good behavior.

Criminal Term Court Here Next Week

The criminal term of Superior Court will open here on Monday, December 14, with Judge Devin presiding. This is the regular December term of criminal court and there is a full docket to be disposed of. The court will be in session for two weeks.

Basketball Games In Champ Series

The Rules Governing The Series Are Outlined in Detail.

Friday, December 11th
Wilson's Mills vs Meadow at Meadow.

Four Oaks vs Pine Level at Pine Level.

Micro vs Archer Lodge at Archer Lodge.

Kenly vs Corinth Holders at Corinth Holders.

Friday, December 18th
Princeton vs Wilson's Mills at Wilson's Mills.

Pine Level vs Meadow at Meadow.

Glendale vs Kenly at Kenly.

Corinth-Holders vs Micro at Micro.

Friday, January 8th
Princeton vs Pine Level at Princeton.

Four Oaks vs Meadow at Four Oaks.

Archer Lodge vs Corinth Holders at Archer Lodge.

Micro vs Glendale at Micro.

Friday, January 15th
Wilson's Mills vs Four Oaks at Wilson's Mills.

Meadow vs Princeton at Meadow.

Kenly vs Micro at Kenly.

Glendale vs Archer Lodge at Glendale.

Friday, January 22nd
Pine Level vs Wilson's Mills at Pine Level.

Princeton vs Four Oaks at Princeton.

Corinth Holders vs Glendale at Corinth Holders.

Archer Lodge vs Kenly at Archer Lodge.

Friday, January 29th
Wilson's Mills vs Meadow at Wilson's Mills.

Four Oaks vs Pine Level at Four Oaks.

Micro vs Archer Lodge at Micro.

Kenly vs Corinth Holders at Kenly.

Friday, February 5th
Princeton vs Wilson's Mills at Princeton.

Pine Level vs Meadow at Pine Level.

Glendale vs Kenly at Glendale.

Corinth Holders vs Micro at Corinth Holders.

All ties will be played off between February 5th and February 19th. The winning team in Group 1 will play against the winning team in Group 2 for the championship on neutral ground to be agreed upon by the competing teams.

The following rules will be enforced:

1. No student will be allowed to play who has not been present at school at least 60 per cent of the time previous to the playing of the game.
2. No student will be allowed to play who has not passed a majority of his school work.
3. Only students who have reached the sixth grade will be eligible to play.
4. All games will be called not later than 4 o'clock and will be played in four 8 minute quarters with 2 minutes rest between quarters and 5 minutes rest between halves.
5. The championship will be decided by a process of elimination.
6. Any dispute between competing teams will be settled by a committee of three Principals to be agreed upon by the disputing teams.
7. If the weather prevents the playing of any game it shall be played during the first three days of the following week.

Renew your subscription.

CHARLES MacVEAGH



Charles MacVeagh of New York and Washington has been selected as ambassador to Japan. Mr. MacVeagh has been general collector and assistant general counsel for the United States Steel corporation.

President Reads Annual Message

Renews Former Recommendations; Longworth Chosen Speaker.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Amid colorful and turbulent scenes in the House and utter calm in the Senate, the Sixty-Ninth Congress put underway today its first, and long session.

A small group of insurgents started the fireworks in the house, but despite their opposition and that of the Democrats, the Republican majority rolled up with the Coolidge landslide of 1924 moved on to victory in every test of strength.

Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, former Republican floor leader, was elected speaker in a three-cornered race in which the Democrats supported Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee, their floor chief, and the insurgents cast their ballots for Henry Allen Cooper, of Wisconsin. The vote was: Longworth, 229; Garrett, 173; Cooper, 13. Five voted present.—Associated Press.

Town Decides On Amount of Bonds

Will Sell \$120,000 Worth Paving Bonds After the First of January.

The City Fathers held their regular business meeting Tuesday evening, December 8, at which it was decided to sell \$120,000 worth of bonds for paving purposes. The committee on the paving proposition composed of Messrs. R. P. Holding, J. D. Underwood, and W. F. Grimes had revised the paving area and upon a basis of their report the decision to sell \$120,000 worth of bonds was made. The paving area as devised included practically the same number of blocks as was first considered, but a few changes appeared to be advantageous. These bonds will not be put on the market until after January 1.

A committee representing the United Welfare Association of Smithfield appeared before the town board and asked for a sum to be set aside by the town to be used for charity work here. After due consideration it was decided to appropriate for this worthy cause the sum of \$50 per month. Mr. H. V. Rose, secretary of the Welfare Association, will thoroughly investigate cases of need and will disburse the funds when necessary.

Death of a Child

Pine Level, Dec. 7.—Thursday morning, Dec. 3 just as the sun was sinking over the great horizon, the Angel of Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Game, and claimed as its victim the spirit of their little granddaughter, Clare Lee Thompson.

Clare Lee was only six months old, but was a very sweet baby and grandmothers and loved ones had learned to love her dearly. But God in His infinite wisdom, who doeth all things best, saw fit to take this little motherless babe to the great beyond. Clare Lee was the twin baby of Mrs. K. G. Thompson who preceded her to the grave only six months ago, and her twin sister, Lettie, died three months ago. All was done for the little one that earthly friends could do but pneumonia set in which finally resulted in death.

The funeral was preached at the Free Will Baptist church here Friday afternoon at two o'clock. After which the little baby was laid to rest in the Thompson cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Grieve not, lonely grandmother, father and loved ones for, Clare Lee is sweetly sleeping. Where no mother now is needed, In the blessed arms of Jesus O what blissful, perfect sleep.

Washington, Dec. 8.—A wide range of legislative recommendations, some of them new, others a reiteration of policies he has advocated to Congress for the last two years, was contained in President Coolidge's annual message transmitted today to the house and senate.

Abandoning his custom and that of President Wilson and Harding of addressing a new Congress in joint session, Mr. Coolidge submitted his message in writing. One of the longest presidential messages in years, aggregating 10,000 words and touching on 46 subjects it was read by clerks in each house.

In the field of domestic legislation the executive urged further tax reduction, giving general approval to the bill drafted by the house ways and means committee; recommended action to strengthen aviation along lines proposed by his air board; renewed his advocacy of power to deal with labor disputes in the coal industry as proposed two years ago by the coal commission; advised a curtailment of the shipping board's powers and control of the merchant fleet by one executive and touched again on the need for encouragement to cooperative marketing as an aid to agriculture.

The President also appealed for observance of the prohibition law by the public and vigorous enforcement with the cooperation of states. He renewed his advocacy of railroad consolidation, governmental reorganization and increased state and local cooperation in reclamation projects, opposed return for the present of property seized from aliens during the world war and recommended sale of Muscle Shoals to the highest bidder.

In a lengthy discussion of foreign affairs, Mr. Coolidge appealed for favorable senate action on the proposal for American adherence to the world court, voiced gratification over the Locarno security agreement and expressed willingness for the United States to take a lead in any feasible plan for further reduction of land and sea armaments.

In the preface of his message the President set forth the view that the country "does not appear to require radical departures from the policies already adopted so much as it needs further extension of these policies and the improvement of details."

He also stressed anew the necessity for government economy, insisting that it is the pathway to further lightening of the tax burden.

The original "Royal" hybrid walnut tree on Luther Burbank's farm has for 15 years paid in nuts and grafts an annual interest of 6 per cent on \$10,000.

There are no storms or hurricanes on the Island of St. Helena. In the course of sixty years only two flashes of lightning were recorded. There are no motor cars, no lawyers there, and only five policemen.

Straight roads that offer an opportunity for speeding are more dangerous than curved roads, according to Wisconsin figures.

Watch the date on your label and don't let your time expire.