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No Action Taken On Road Question

Special School Elections Called In Cleveland and Pleasant Grove.

The matter concerning the approval of State Highway No. 91 across upper O'Neals township was one of the chief things to come before the Board of County Commissioners in session here yesterday. A delegation from that part of the county was here, and a rather lengthy discussion took place. The Board finally asked for more time before pushing their former ruling in which they agreed to loan money to the State Highway to hard-surface that part of said highway which crosses Johnston county.

Other orders passed were as follows:

Ordered that the road commissioner of Wilders township be released of their \$25,000 bonds and that said commissioner be allowed to give a new bond in the amount of \$5,000 thereby giving them a reduction on said bond of \$20,000.

Ordered that Luby Batten be paid \$25.00 for building bridge across Mill branch.

Ordered that J. D. Spiers be released of valuation of \$10,000 on stock of merchandise same having been put on by error.

Ordered that an election be called in Cleveland township Special School Taxing District to vote on the question of levying a special tax of not more than 50 cents on the \$100 worth of property. Said election is called at the request of the Board of Education.

Ordered that there be called a Grove Special School Taxing District for the purpose of voting a special school tax not exceeding 50 cents on the \$100 worth of property.

Ordered that Mrs. Troy Narron be released of \$900 tax valuation, same having been listed by error.

Ordered that D. C. Smith be authorized to buy 300 feet of lumber to make some needed repairs on stalls at county home.

Ordered that H. A. Herring be paid \$15.00 for making a survey of the Dock Hill property.

Ordered that A. K. Worley be released of valuation on personal property to the amount of \$2800 same having been put on by error.

The matter of appointing a farm demonstration agent for Johnston county having come before the Board of County Commissioners, it was ordered tabled until the first Monday in February and show cause why a former order of this Board

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Train Runs Into Load of Lumber Friday

Last Friday morning about 9:15 o'clock as Mr. Jake Johnson, truck driver for Mr. R. D. Johnson, was driving a load of lumber across the railroad crossing at Powhatan, one standard broke and the lumber ber fell off the truck on the track. Before it could be moved the fast going westbound train ran into it and scattered the lumber and truck along the track. The truck was considerably damaged but the driver escaped injury.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me



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National Champion



STEPHEN M. Crother of Philadelphia, shooting 200 round a day, broke 400 pigeons without a miss, establishing a world record and winning the national championship at Vandalia, Pa. The former record was 256 without a miss.

North Carolina Gets \$1,708,544

Jardine Announces Road Fund Apportionments For This State.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Apportionment of \$73,125,000 among the states for use during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, in construction of federal aid roads was announced today by Secretary Jardine.

Apportionments for southern states follow:

Alabama, \$1,540,799.
Arkansas, \$1,267,907.
Florida, \$897,155.
Georgia, \$1,981,189.
Kentucky, \$1,415,809.
Louisiana, \$1,000,764.
Maryland, \$634,624.
Mississippi, \$1,293,203.
North Carolina, \$1,708,544.
South Carolina, \$1,051,093.
Tennessee, \$1,445,852.
Virginia, \$1,445,852.

UNDER SAME PLAN.

The funds will be spent on the federal aid highway system under the same plan of cooperation with the states that has been in operation for 19 years. The roads included in the apportionments are the most important in the country and reach directly or indirectly every city of more than 5,000 population.

Ten thousand miles of federal aid highways were finished during 1925 with a total appropriation of approximately the same as for the coming fiscal year.

Charged With Assaulting His 5-Year-Old Niece

The arrest of Leonard Brady was made here Saturday morning at his home, upon a charge of assault upon the five year old daughter of his sister, Mrs. J. L. Ormond of Snow Hill. Brady, who is 22 years old had been working at Snow Hill but was at home on a visit. He was placed in jail here but was taken to Snow Hill Saturday night. A hearing in the case will be held on Saturday, January 16.

RABBI AT GREENSBORO ACCEPTS CHRIST AS MAN

Greensboro, Jan. 2. Rabbi Milton Ellis of the Reformed Jewish congregation here, preaching in Temple Emanuel tonight, declared that all Reformed Jews are thoroughly in sympathy with the declaration of Stephen R. Wise, of New York, who lately stirred the religious world by his announced acceptance of Jesus as a man.

"We do not accept as Christ," the Rabbi said, "but as one of the great line of prophets, the Son of God only so far as all men are sons of God as their lives reveal God like attributes. We accept Jesus as a man."

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ALUMNI BANQUET HELD IN SELMA

Albert M. Coates The Principal Speaker Discusses "The State University Under Fire."

NOW ANNUAL EVENT

Albert M. Coates, member of the law faculty of the State University, was the chief speaker at one of the biggest U. N. C. alumni gatherings ever held in Johnston county, on last Friday evening, January 1, in Selma. The meeting was held around the banquet held when the Woman's Club of Selma served a very delectable menu to seventy-five or more students of the University, former students, wives and sweethearts and friends. The decorations of banquet hall carried the guests back to college days. Blue and white streams festooned from the ceiling, and on the table produced a charming effect, and the college songs and cheers made for a real University atmosphere.

Dr. George D. Vick of Selma, was toastmaster, and to him was due much of the easy informality of the occasion. Music by a Selma orchestra, and the vocal selections by Messrs. Paul Eason, Chester Alexander and Marvin Woodall of this city added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Early on the program the toastmaster called upon County Superintendent H. B. Morrow for a short talk, and Mr. Morrow's suggestion that this alumni occasion be made an annual affair upon the first day of each January found a ready response among those present. A motion was carried and a Johnston County Alumni Association was formed with the following officers: president, Dr. A. S. Oliver of Benson; vice-president, G. A. Martin of Smithfield; secretary-treasurer, George Y. Ragsdale, also of Smithfield.

Others who made appropriate talks during the evening were J. D. Parker of this city, Dr. A. S. Oliver of Benson, W. P. Aycock of Selma, and Marvin Woodall, president of the Johnston county club at the University.

This meeting in Selma was an outgrowth of a recent meeting held in Smithfield when Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the University, made a talk in the courthouse. For several years an effort has been made by the Johnston county club and the alumni to arrange for a closer cooperation between the University and the folks back home, and this was the spirit that pervaded the banquet Friday evening.

The selection of Albert M. Coates, native Johnstonian and now a member of the U. N. C. faculty, as principal speaker of the occasion was particularly fortunate. Perhaps none other could so well interpret the spirit and attitude of this great state institution and express it so satisfactorily to the public. He called his address, "The University Under Fire," and during the course of it he outlined some of the chief criticisms that have been made against this institution, and endeavored to show that the University welcomed criticism because it gave her an opportunity to make conditions better. No ill-will is held against her critics. Criticism is an evidence of the place she holds in North Carolina. Mr. Coates touched upon the drinking situation at the University, and also alleged teaching calculated to undermine the faith of students. Mr. Coates' address in full is published elsewhere in this issue and is well worth reading.

Glass Front Broken In Affray Saturday

Onions furnished the pretext for a hot time in Moore's grocery for a short while Saturday when a slight altercation took place between the proprietor, Mr. J. W. Moore, and Mr. J. T. Matthews. The glass front was broken as a result of the affray, which occurred over the purchase of some onions.

Soloist and Song Conductor



Rev. J. C. Costen

Revival At M. E. Church To Begin

Rev. J. C. Costen of Hendersonville, Evangelistic Singer To Assist.

According to announcement made Sunday by Rev. A. J. Parker, a series of revival services will begin at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Parker will do the preaching, but he will be assisted by an evangelistic singer. He has secured Rev. J. C. Costen, of Hendersonville, who comes highly recommended as a soloist and song conductor. Mr. Parker was very favorably impressed with his singing at the last annual conference. Rev. D. B. Dodd, pastor of the Four Oaks circuit, commends him as a good mixer and the best evangelistic singer he has ever had to help him in a meeting.

Further announcements will be made later as to the time for holding the services.

Dr. Wellons Preaches On 100th Anniversary

Elon College, Jan. 1.—An occasion unique in the annals of North Carolina occurred here this morning when Rev. J. W. Wellons, D. D., Chaplain of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, celebrated his 100th birthday by preaching a sermon to more than 800 of his friends who had assembled here in the Whitley auditorium building. These friends came from all parts of the state to hear this venerable minister, and many from outside the state.

"Uncle" Wellons, as he is familiarly known to all his friends, has been a minister of the Christian Church for more than 75 years and has rendered a long and faithful service to the cause of the kingdom of Christ. He has looked forward to his 100th birthday for some time, and thinks that this sermon will be the last time he will be able to appear in public. His sermon was wonderfully clear for a man of his age and carried a message gained from experience.

Preceding Dr. Wellons in the pulpit Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy and a life-long friend of Uncle Wellons, spoke words of greeting to this venerable brother and to the congregation on this occasion. President W. A. Harper of Elon College introduced him as one of the greatest private citizens this race has produced, and as an outstanding public citizen.

A Friend With A Pull

Cork: 'Do you know you bore me? Corkscrew well, you'll have to pull you out of many Good Hardware.

Cole To Fight Damage Suit

Father of "Bill" Ormond Whom Cole Killed Files \$150,000 Suit.

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—W. B. Cole, the Rockingham cotton manufacturer who won his acquittal in Richmond county court last fall for the killing of "Bill" Ormond, was here today conferring with his attorneys in the preparation of his answer to the complaint in the civil action brought in Wake county court by the dead man's father, Rev. A. L. Ormond, for \$150,000 damages.

Cole's counsel has filed motions with clerk of court Vittrivious Ryster for the removal of the civil case from Wake county to Richmond county, for the dismissal of attachments taken on Cole's property and regarding matters involved in the suit. These will come up for hearing before the clerk January 5, the date set as a time limit for the filing of Cole's answer to Rev. Mr. Ormond's complaint.

Cole came to Raleigh with Fred Bynum, his personal attorney, and conferred with other members of his counsel in the office of James H. Pou, who led in his defense of the criminal charge. This afternoon he called to see Secretary of State W. N. Everett, who has been confined to his home by illness for some weeks.

Rev. Mr. Ormond filed his complaint in the civil action in Wake court the latter part of November. He seeks \$150,000 for the death of his son, "Bill," whom Cole shot on the streets of Rockingham last summer.

Mr. Dave Sellers Dies At His Home Here

Invoking a blessing upon the food he was about to eat was the last conscious act of Mr. Dave Sellers who passed away at his home here Sunday night about eleven o'clock, following a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Sellers was in his usual health and attended church Sunday morning. He had just sat down to the supper table Sunday evening and asked the blessing when he was taken suddenly ill and never rallied.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the home and interment made in a cemetery near Selma. For a number of years Mr. Sellers had been the cemetery-keeper here, and keeping it trim and neat had been his pride. Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the funeral service.

The deceased leaves a wife and several children all of whom were grown, to mourn his loss. He was about sixty years of age.

All Universities In Ecuador Have Closed

All universities in Ecuador were closed "temporarily" by a Governmental decree dated August 11, 1925, reports R. M. de Lambert, secretary, United States Legation at Quito. The universities were located at Quito, Guayaquil, Cuenca, and Loja.

For many years past there has been discontent with the so-called superior education. It has been most respectable to study for the degree of doctor of law or doctor of medicine. Mr. de Lambert states, and although many efforts have been made by Congress and otherwise to make the courses more difficult and have the candidates for degrees more thoroughly prepared, the degrees still have remained too easy of attainment. The result is that the country is flooded with doctors, the majority of whom are unable to earn a living at their profession.—School Life.

Gin Report

There were 71,049 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1925 prior to December 15, 1925, as compared with 48,492 bales to December 15, 1924. E. G. HOLLAND, Gin Reporter.

Mrs. Lee Sanders, Miss Elizabeth Hyman and Mr. Homer Murray went to Raleigh Saturday.

Florida Ire



MRS. GERTRUDE Seitz of La Belle, Fla. is a woman of action. When her husband took May Lawrence riding she followed them in another car. While hubby left camp to fetch water, Mrs. Seitz handcuffed the affinity, took her to town and had her arrested.

Resignation Head Of Pythian Home

C. W. Pender Gives Up Clayton Orphanage After 13 Years Service.

Henderson, Dec. 30.—R. S. McCoin, past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in North Carolina, and trustee of the order's orphan home at Clayton, was a visitor to that institution over the week end and brought back with him news of the resignation of C. W. Pender as superintendent of the home. Mr. Pender, who is the first and only superintendent the home has had, having gone there when the institution was opened in 1911, more than 13 years ago, will remain on duty until his successor can be selected.

Mr. Pender is now well on toward his 70th year, his age being a consideration in his giving up the work. He is a man of the type difficult to obtain and the trustees of the orphanage have made no selection, and have in mind no successor as yet.

The new boys' dormitory at the home is rapidly nearing completion according to Mr. McCoin and will probably be ready for occupancy in a little more than thirty days. The walls and roof have been completed, and only the floor remains to be completed, he stated.

The structure is one story above the basement and while built to provide accommodations for 55 boys will probably be of sufficient size to house 80 to 85 youngsters. It cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 including furnishings. This is the second building at the institution the one in use since the opening of the home thirteen years ago having been utilized as a dormitory for both boys and girls and also for cooking and dining rooms and other purposes.

The new building is provided for by funds raised by the membership of the order throughout the State, and will greatly add to the equipment and facilities at the orphanage.—Clayton News.

Almost Golden Goose

Mr. C. H. Allen, of Pine Level, Route 1, was in the city Saturday and told us of a goose owned by him that, while not laying the proverbial golden egg, laid during December an unusual number of real goose eggs. According to Mr. Allen, his goose began laying on November 5 and up until Christmas had laid nineteen eggs. This is an unusual record for the time of year. Geese usually begin laying about February. This is the only goose Mr. Allen possesses, but he thinks too much of his goose to kill her.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held at the home of Mrs. M. A. Wallace Thursday night at eight o'clock. All persons interested in the music for the Baptist church are requested to be present.

ORGANIZE FARM BUREAU FOR CO.

First Action Was To Ask For Reinstatement Of Office of County Farm Agent.

ACTION DEFERRED

The Johnston County farm bureau which had its birth in a meeting held here yesterday at the courthouse has already proved to be a lusty infant, having produced quite a discussion in the board of county commissioners when they asked for the reinstatement of the office of county farm agent for Johnston.

The meeting held yesterday was well attended in view of the inclement weather and the organization was perfected with the following officers: president, N. B. Grantham of this city; vice-president, W. V. Blackman, of Meadow township; secretary, H. V. Rose, of this city; treasurer, W. H. Flowers, of Elevation township. These officers will constitute an executive committee with the addition of A. M. Johnson of Cleveland township, and S. P. Honeycutt, of Banner.

The president was ordered to call a meeting for the first Monday in February at which time rules and regulations governing the organization and a farm program for 1926 will be presented for adoption. A speaker of some note is expected to be present on that day and a general farmers meeting will be held.

Almost the first action of the new organization was the decision to ask for a farm agent in this county. Several farmers present spoke favoring the reinstatement of this officer and when the vote was put, a big majority showed themselves in favor of the proposition. A committee composed of A. M. Johnson, W. H. Flowers, S. P. Honeycutt and W. V. Blackman was appointed to go immediately before the county commissioners and ask for a farm agent. It proved to be a lively discussion before the county board, and for an hour the merits and demerits of a farm agent were hand-laid back and forth. The board decided to defer action until the first Monday in February.

Mr. Knott Dead

Mr. R. L. Knott, a tobaccoist who has been on the Smithfield market for the past ten or fifteen years, died last Thursday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Ferrell, at Carpenter. He was a native of Granville county and was about fifty-five years of age.

He is survived by one brother, Caleb Knott, of Wendell, and two sisters, Mrs. Ferrell, of Carpenter, and Mrs. Walter Brummitt, of Auburn. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Wendell where the body was taken for burial. Among those attending the funeral from this city were: Capt. H. L. Skinner and Mr. L. G. Patterson.

A Mind Reader

An army officer was on one occasion standing near his headquarters when he noticed that a certain captain, who was standing nearby, was accustomed every time a private sluted him to return the salute with military precision, but to follow it up with the words: "The same to you."

Finally the officer first mentioned called him over and asked, "Captain, why do you say 'the same to you,' every time you return an enlisted man's salute?"

"The captain grinned. 'It's this way, sir: I was a buck private, once myself, and I know what they say under their breath every time they salute an officer.'—From Everybody's Magazine for January.

Safe

Insurance Agent: Don't you want your office furnishings insured against theft?
Boss: Yes, all except
Everybody watches
Progressive Grocer.