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County Atty. Parker Brands Reports False

Does Not Favor Any More County Loans For Road Construction In Johnston County Other Than The One To Build Route Twenty-Two.

MAKES STATEMENT

Current reports have accused Mr. James D. Parker, county attorney, of accepting fees for the influencing of the county board in regard to certain road locations that have been recently before the board. Mr. Parker, in a statement issued to the papers of Johnston county, brands as false these reports and resents the inference that he would accept employment to influence the board in regard to the roads in question.

Mr. Parker's statement is as follows:

"I understand it is reported that I have been retained and received money from some of the persons working to have that part of Highway No. 90 retained in its present location across the Northern corner of O'Neals township and to secure the County Commissioners to loan the State Highway Commission money to construct that part of Highway No. 90 in Johnston county. I have not yet heard that any one has reported that I have also been retained and paid a fee by those who are opposed to the above proposition.

"I have also heard that it is reported that I have been retained and paid money by those who favor the old Bentonville Battleground route and also by those who favor the other proposed route through the Southern part of Johnston county.

"All of the above reports are absolutely untrue and any person who has in any way aided in the circulation of them has done me a very great injustice whether they intended to do so or not. I presume that a large majority and I hope all who have aided in the circulation of these reports have not intended to be parties in the dissemination of falsehoods but nevertheless they have.

"Were these reports concerning matters entirely private, I might pass them unnoticed as I have in the past during what might be termed my political career, when other falsehoods have been charged against me, but in this case public duty demands that I do not permit such falsehoods to pass without notice.

"I am ready to face at any time any one who thinks he knows or thinks he has any information worthy of attention that I have accepted any employment with or without pay in money or otherwise either already made or to be made or any agreement to aid anybody's cause in connection with the above matters, and if any one continues to circulate the rumors without giving me the opportunity to face them he convicts himself as a defamer in his own soul.

"I have been approached by persons favoring the present location of route No. 90 in O'Neals township with the offer to employ me and pay me, and I have also

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Mc—



My ole man started out sade he was huntin' work but I notice he tuck his gun and dog along; now I never know afore that work clum trees,

Woolworth Heiress



Little Barbara Hutton, thirteen year old grand daughter of the late Frank W. Woolworth whose 60,000 shares of 5 and 10 cent store stock sold for \$10,000,000. She still has \$40,000,000 worth left.

Four Injured As Train Strikes Car

Will Rogers and Family Are Thrown From Coupe At Wilson's Mills Crossing.

A Ford coupe was torn to pieces Friday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when a through freight train ran into it at the railroad crossing at Wilson's Mills. The driver, Will Rogers, colored, his wife, Novella Rogers, and two children were thrown from the car. One child was caught on the front part of the engine and remained there until the train stopped. All the occupants were injured.

It is said by those who saw the accident that the driver did not stop for the crossing although the train was in view. Dr. W. G. Wilson Jr., of this city, was immediately summoned to the scene and the injured were removed. Rogers was painfully injured and yesterday it was decided to bring him to the Smithfield Memorial hospital for treatment. At the last report his condition was considered critical.

MUCH TRAVELING DONE TO GET NEEDED WATER

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—One good housewife on a North Carolina farm walks about an average of three miles per day or at least 140 miles per year in getting water for the family needs.

"This is a useless waste of energy for an already over-worked individual," says Prof. D. S. Weaver, agricultural engineering specialist for the Department of Agronomy at State College. "A hydraulic rna. an overhead water tank in the house and some plumbing in the kitchen can easily replace this daily marathon and the cost need only be around \$100. This is rather a low price to pay for getting rid of this amount of travel, half of which is done with a heavy load."

Prof. Weaver states that some one with a head for figures has reached the conclusion that the energy expended in getting water to the home would have replaced that of two horses plowing eleven acres of land.

"The greatest and most needed improvement in most farm homes is a good water pressure system," says Prof. Weaver. "The gas engine will furnish the necessary power and if electric power is available, the problem is much simpler. The equipment that is needed to provide running water in the home is very simple and the cost has no comparison in the worth of the system to the health and happiness of the family."

Live on Love

Her: "I'm sure we can live on twenty-five dollars a week. My clothes won't cost more than that."
 He: "But what will we have left to buy food with?"
 Her: "That's a man for you—always selfish and thinking about his stomach."

Surprise Snow Is General In State

Heavy White Blanket Covers Ground To a Depth of Five or Six Inches.

Snow signs have been apparent several times this winter, and local weather prophets have announced that "it looked like snow," but the weather man stole a march on us yesterday morning when it began to snow around five o'clock. By the time Smithfield was waking up, a blanket of snow covered the ground and housetops, and all the picturesqueness of a winter snow scene greeted the eye. A few old timers may have been looking for it and had their rubber boots ready, and their guns cleaned and oiled for a rabbit hunt, but most everybody was surprised. The feathery flakes fell thick and fast it abated. The snow, while falling to a depth of five or six inches, was soft and showed signs of melting, and so far as we know, no damage was caused by the snowfall.

Reports from Charlotte, Greensboro, Gastonia, High Point and Winston-Salem state that the snow is general over the state. At Rock Hill, S. C., a three-inch snowfall was reported yesterday morning.

At nightfall last night a fine sleet was falling.

This is the second snowfall in about three weeks, the first snow being in the nature of hail which stayed on the ground several days.

Child Swallows Bead With Serious Result

An operation which saved the life of James Jr., four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Raynor of Benson, was performed here Tuesday at noon by Dr. J. F. Martin, local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. The child swallowed a bead, which became lodged in his windpipe, or trachea, and cut off his breathing. Dr. Martin performed an operation in tracheotomy, making an opening in the windpipe below the bead, enabling the child to breathe through a tube. Life was almost extinct when the victim reached Dunn, though the operation gave instant relief.

After the successful operation had been performed the child was taken to the Rex hospital, Raleigh. However, an x-ray picture revealed that in a violent coughing attack he had coughed up the bead and swallowed it. The picture revealed the bead in the stomach. The parents did not know the cause of the trouble when the child was brought here, though they suspected that he had swallowed something unusual.—Dunn Dispatch.

Initiative

"The world bestows," wrote the late Elbert Hubbard, "its big prizes, both in money and honors, for but one thing—"

"And that is Initiative."

"What is Initiative?"

"I'll tell you: It is doing the right thing without being told."
 "But next to doing the same thing without being told is to do it when you are told once. That is to say, carry the Message to Garcia; those who can carry a message get high honors, but their pay is not always in proportion. Next, there are those who never do a thing until they are told twice; such get no honors and small pay."

"Next, there are those who do the right thing only when necessity kicks them from behind, and these get indifference instead of honors, and a pittance for pay. This kind spends most of its time polishing a bench with a hard luck story."
 "Then, still lower down in the scale than this, we have the fellow who will not do the right thing even when someone goes along to show him how and stays to see that he does it; he is always out of a job, and receives the contempt he deserves, unless he happens to have a rich Pa. in which case Destiny patiently awaits around the corner with a stuffed club."
 "To which class do you belong?"
 —Morgantown News-Herald.

A little paint on farm implements will prevent a lot of rust.

Eleanora's Slippers



Maurice, the dancer, famed over two continents, has chosen Eleanora Ambrose, as his new partner. Miss Ambrose was named the most beautiful blonde in Kansas City, her home town, and is seen here with \$500 worth of slippers, which she intends to wear out fulfilling European engagements.

Building Records Broken In South

In the South, the year 1925 witnessed the greatest building boom in the history of the section. In 16 Southern States the gain in 1925 over 1924 was more than 45 per cent, the 1925 total being \$919,460,375, as against the 1924 total of \$632,008,980. These figures were compiled by G. L. Miller and company, of Atlanta. The estimate for the principal cities indicates a Southwide building program of at least one and a quarter billions for the year, which is more than a quarter of a billion in excess of 1924 figures.

The feature of the survey is the marvelous leap made by the Florida figures. Forty of the municipalities of that State, where statistics are obtainable, registered \$302,507,538, against \$87,624,417 for the previous year. While Florida's gain contributed largely to that of the entire South, it is noted that other States gained more than 15 per cent during the year.

The closing month of the year showed construction going forward at the same record-breaking pace, which indicates that the huge schedules for 1925 will be carried into 1926. The month of December not only gained 40 per cent over the same month in 1924, but bettered the November record of 1925 by 25 per cent.

Miami and Houston were again battling for honors at the top of the list for the month, duplicating their feat of October, when both made high records for the year. Their exceptional month's record was sufficient to place them in first and second position for the year among cities of the farther South.—Charlotte Observer.

THREE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Much fun has been poked at the making of New Year's resolutions. Many such resolutions have been made only to be broken. Some folks, beyond doubt, make too many resolutions and too sweeping ones. Still, there is much to be said for the custom: It is no more than good common sense for one to plan to do better in some way or another than he has been doing. There is, indeed, little hope of advancement for the person who does not; and while efforts at improvement do not need to begin with the new year, that is a better time for beginning than any later time can be.

There are three resolutions, then, that we wish to commend to every reader of ours. We believe every farmer can well make all three of them, and that it is possible for every farmer to keep them after they are made. We believe, too, that any farmer will be better off at the end of the year for having made and kept them.

Here they are:
 1. I resolve this year to try to

Co. Board Health Commends Report

Plan On Foot To Secure Services of Special Sanitary Officer From State Department.

At a meeting of the Board of Health of Johnston county held here last Friday Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, gave a most satisfactory report of his work covering a period from February 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925. When his report was read a discussion followed and the board voted unanimously heart commendation for Dr. Massey on the work he is doing in the county. In the opinion of the Board, the large amount of work and the splendid and tactful manner in which it has been done deserves particularly the commendation of the entire county.

The report of Dr. Massey includes work for the prevention of contagious diseases, medical service, school hygiene, consultation and conferences. A total of 196 cases of contagious diseases have been reported, quarantined and placarded as follows: measles, 3; German measles, 1; whooping cough, 5; typhoid fever, 10; chicken pox, 7; small pox, 46; scarlet fever, 35; diphtheria, 53; tuberculosis, 7; venereal diseases, 29. There have been 9356 vaccinations against typhoid fever; 646 against diphtheria; and 1026 against small pox.

The report on Medical service showed visits to county home 129, convict camp, 55, jail, 85. Examinations and treatments rendered inmates of county home, 216, same to prisoners in jail and camps.

Special examinations for lunacy, 40, by court order, 8, for marriage, 116, children for industry, 10, teachers certificate, 36, specimens sent to State Laboratory of Hygiene, 76.

During the eleven months covered in the report of Dr. Massey, ninety-five schools in the county have been visited and 5683 school children have been inspected, examined and instructed. Forty have been excluded from school on account of scabies for the length of time required for a cure. One thousand five hundred thirty five children have been treated for dental defects. Six tonsil and adenoid operations have been performed, and refractive errors corrected, four.

The doctor has had 889 consultations and conferences, and has driven his car 10,261 miles.

Dr. Massey states to the Board that he could secure for Johnston county the services of a man from the State Board of Health to carry out a sanitary program in Johnston county particularly relating to privy sanitation at no cost to the county. Dr. Massey stated that this man would work directly under the State Board of Health but that in his opinion the work would mean a great deal for the public health of the county; whereupon the Board directed Dr. Massey to proceed to secure the services of this sanitary officer, the Board being of the opinion that the work to be done by him is much needed and that the same will be of much benefit to the county. Dr. Massey, was therefore instructed to insist on the State Board of Health's putting on this campaign in the county.

The members of the County Board of Health present at the meeting Friday were: A. H. Morgan, chairman, Dr. J. B. Person, Dr. A. H. Rose, and H. B. Marrow. Mr. J. A. Naron was the only member of the board absent.

Science Note

Chemistry Professor: "What can you tell me about nitrates?"
 Student: "Well—they're a lot cheaper than day rates."—Illinois

increase the fertility of my soil.
 2. I resolve to try to make my home prettier and more comfortable.

3. I resolve to save some money and to try some systematic plan of saving or investment.

Can you, kindly reader, think of any reason you should not make these resolutions for yourself, or any reason you can not keep them after they are made?—Southern Ruralist.

Home Wedding In City of Clayton

Miss Frances Beale Poole Becomes The Bride of Mr. Frank Parker, of Raleigh.

Clayton, Jan. 24.—Beautiful in its quiet simplicity was the wedding last evening at 7:30 o'clock of Miss Frances Belle Poole to Mr. Frank Parker, of Raleigh, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Icaena Poole. Only close relatives and friends were present, and these were received by Mrs. Rudolph Barnes and Mr. Clifton Poole, brother of the bride. Receiving in the gift room were Mrs. Swade Barbour and Miss Ina Ferrell, and in the reception hall Mr. and Mrs. C. Parker Poole.

The entire house was beautified with trailing cedar, bamboo and cut flowers while the improvised altar in the living room was curtained with smilax and showers of flowers, on each side were banked ferns and baskets of heather, narcissus and roses.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry of Raleigh, brother-in-law of the groom, assisted by Rev. R. S. Hall, pastor of the bride, officiated, using the ring ceremony. Previous to the ceremony Mrs. Harry Brooks played "Gloria" by Donald Heins, and "Salut d'Amour" by Edward Elgar on the violin accompanied by Miss Emily Southall of Magnolia. During the ceremony McDowell's "To a Wild Irish Rose" was softly rendered.

As the first notes to the wedding march from Lohengrin sounded Mr. William H. Rhodes Jr., of Raleigh, entered followed by Miss Delia Dodson of Winston-Salem, dressed in flesh gorgette seed pearls carrying an arm bouquet of Ophelia roses.

The dame of honor, Mrs. Swade Barbour, sister of the bride, followed, wearing an apricot gorgette dress, beaded in rhinestones and seed pearls, carrying an arm bouquet of Ophelia roses.

Next entered the flower bearers, Dorothy Glenn Lane, dressed in ruffled white crepe, and Master Swade Barbour Jr., nephew of the bride, in white silk broadcloth, carrying white baskets of flowers.

The groom entered with his brother, Mr. John H. Parker, of New Bern, as best man.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Elliott S. Poole. Her brunette beauty was accentuated by her imported gown of Cornish blue, trimmed in silver, with hat and shoes to match. Her only ornament was a platinum bar pin set with diamonds and sapphires, the gift of the groom. Her bouquet was of bride's roses, the lilies of the valley, and lilies showered with sweetheart roses.

For traveling, Mrs. Parker wore a tan tweed sport suit, with accessories to match. They left by auto for Western North Carolina and Florida where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Parker received her education at Meredith College, and since then has taught music. She is an accomplished musician, widely traveled and has great personal charm, which has endeared her to a host of friends throughout the State.

The groom is the son of Mr. T. B. Parker of Raleigh, is a graduate of State College, and known over the State, having been in charge of the crop reporting service of the State and Federal departments of agriculture.

On their return from Florida in the Spring they will be at home in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Laundry Notes

Orders for products are now so numerous, the Central Worsted Co. Central Village, is on a day and night shift, and Charles Bragg, the manager announces that a mill at Farlink, Rhode Island, belonging to the company, will be started on full time at once after seven months' idleness.—(Danbury Connecticut) Evening News.

Messrs. E. L. Loftin of the Erskine Realty company and E. E. Blackstock, attorney, of Asheville, are in the city to confer with Mr. F. H. Brooks in regard to some realty deals in Western North Carolina.

Old, Older, Oldest



Captain Billy Mickler, 101 years old, oldest man in St. Augustine, is shown here standing before his home which is the oldest house in America's oldest city, St. Augustine. Captain Mickler is a civil war veteran, and the only living member of the state legislature of 1861.

Splendid Program Given At Benson

"Father's Night" Is Observed By the Benson Parent-Teacher Association.

Benson, Jan. 25.—Fathers' night was held at the Parent-Teacher meeting Thursday night in the school auditorium. Supt. H. C. Renegar was in charge of the program. Mrs. J. W. Whittenton, president of the association, presided over the meeting. The following program was given which proved to be a very interesting and helpful one. "How the Civic Organizations May Help the Parent-Teacher Association." Mr. L. L. Levinson; "How Can I Keep My Child From the Scrap Heap," Mr. P. B. Johnson; "Some Things Concerning the School That Should Interest All," Judge Ezra Parker, secretary school board; "The Proper Care of the Teeth and Their Influence Upon Health," Dr. W. T. Martin; "What Additional Playground Equipment Will Mean to the Benson Children," Rev. J. E. Blalock; "Habits of Health That Parents Neglect," Dr. A. S. Oliver.

A special feature of the program was a male quartette. The high school orchestra played several numbers. The Parent-Teacher meetings are usually held in the afternoon, but this was changed to the evening in order to give the fathers an opportunity to attend.

Florida Frankness

Anyone interested in a real-estate deal, a real opportunity to make real money with little to invest, communicate with me immediately by mail.—Personal ad in the Tampa Tribune.

In the Show Business

French tutor's ad in English paper: "A young Paris man desires to show his tongue to classes of English gentlemen."—Baton Transcript.

They sat together on the sofa and admired the new engagement ring. She looked at the diamond and whispered, "My John, isn't it clear?"

"Only two more payments, my dear," he replied.—Oregon Orange Owl.

The fiction writers have quit writing novels. There's more money nowadays writing real estate booklets.

Nearing Goal In Hospital Drive

Negroes Report \$667.42 For Equipping Wards In New Hospital.

Mrs. Laura J. A. King, supervisor of the negro rural schools of Johnston county gives the following report on the hospital drive for publication:

Amount reported to date, \$667.42.

Those contributing on the last tag day were:

Booker Washington school, Misses Meadows and Clark, \$12.30. St. Amanda, Virginia D. Cooper, \$2.00.

Four Oaks, Mrs. Womble and Miss Spencer, \$12.00.

Micro, Miss Grissom, \$1.00.

Bethel, C. C. Lewis, \$2.00.

Green, Misses Campbell and Barber, \$2.25.

Montgomery, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Lewis, \$8.00.

Galilee, Hattie B. Hobbs, seventy-five cents.

Lee's Cross Roads, Misses Murchison and Horton, \$2.75.

New Bethel, Mrs. Grimes, \$1.00.

Wilson's Mills, C. N. Hunter and faculty, \$5.85.

Total received at this meeting, \$50.15.

Money sent in since the January 9 meeting to be added to the above amount:

Galilee, Hattie B. Hobbs, \$3.65.

Bentonville, Mary C. Jones, \$7.62.

Rocky Branch, Mary J. Tonkins, \$4.00.

Bethel, C. C. Lewis, \$7.50.

Collected, \$3.00.

Nellie Freeman of Selma, sold tags to the amount of \$2.50.

On Sunday, January 24, the sup. orvisor, Laura J. A. King, accepted an invitation from Rev. A. A. Heartley to speak at his church in Benson in the interest of the hospital project. The preacher made a splendid talk to his people following her statements and received a collection of \$10.00. To each contributor was given a souvenir, a hospital tag. The supervisor was asked to go back to Benson and speak at the Disciple church on the second Sunday in February.

The drive will be continued on through January to reach the goal of \$1,000.

The Motor Age

Young Mother (proudly)—"See! Baby is learning to walk!"
 Friend—"Oh, do you think it really worth while to teach him? Practically nobody walks nowadays."—Life.

Effective Tune

The daughter of a country rector taught the choir a new tune at a Monday evening's practice, to be sung on the following Sunday. "Well, Hobson," she said to one of them on the Sunday morning, "I hope you haven't forgotten the new tune, for we depend on you."
 "No, miss, not a bit," the yokel assured her. "I've been uskeerin' crows with it all the week."

Heavy Price for a Present

The Star still has a supply of "cheat protectors" for Ford and other makes of cars which will be supplied to all car owners who will call at this office until they are exhausted.—Unidentified clipping forwarded from Oneonta, New York.

The Mirror

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

Your hair is brown and curly and bobbed. You wore blue corduroy dress, red checked toboggan-shaped cap, a black coat with grey fur on cuffs and sleeves. You also wore brown kid gloves, black silk hose, black slippers and overshoes. You had a small package in your right hand and were seen yesterday at 2 p. m. on Market Street.