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## Legislators At Raleigh Settle Down To Business

### Gov. McLean Delivers Deliberate Message Before Joint Session of General Assembly.

RALEIGH, Jan. 5.—The general assembly swung into action today. "Economy and business first" cropped out as legislative slogans. Both branches got down to bedrock early.

Another precedence was smashed, or created, tonight when Governor McLean appeared before the assembly in joint session on the first day. Old timers recalled the days when the legislature met, dined around for several days, finally heard the governor, recessed for a few days, and finally in about making laws.

Today both houses met at noon, click-clicked through routine, skidded through the formality of organization and an hour later sent a joint message to the governor that they were organized and ready to hear his message.

In the senate the officers named at the caucus last night were inducted into office and 10 bills introduced—one of state-wide interest. It was the biennial version of the bill which, if enacted into law, would require horse-drawn vehicles to display lights at night.

Review of progress of the first two years under his administration and recommendations for legislation for the remaining two featured the biennial message of Governor McLean to the general assembly in joint session here tonight.

The governor established a precedent in delivering his message on the first day of the assembly. He explained the workings and pleaded for a continuance of the executive budget system, the salary and wage commissioners and the office of state pardons commissioner, all of which were established by the 1925 assembly at his suggestion.

He said the executive budget was meeting changed governmental conditions and was bringing the state to living within its income.

On the question of eight months schools, much discussed throughout the state, he was silent, leaving that to follow in the report of the educational commission, now in session here. He stressed, however, the importance of continuing the state's educational progress.

Matters of finance were not touched in detail. This, he said, would follow in his budget message Friday.

Amendment of the capital issues laws to make sale of foreign securities easier in North Carolina were recommended. A law to prevent fraudulent dealings in real estate was also suggested.

Radical reforms in the judicial system were broached. Suggestion was made that the superior court

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## J. W. WOOD GOES TO LEGISLATURE

### Representative From Johnston County Believes In Economy In Government.

Mr. John W. Wood, of Meadow township, who in the recent election was chosen as one of the representatives from Johnston county, was in the city Tuesday en route for Raleigh to be present at the opening session of the legislature on Wednesday.

Mr. Wood believes in running the government economically and his stand in the legislature will no doubt be in line with this belief. He states that he is opposed to an eight-months school term. He thinks the six-months now in force is sufficient but has no objection to districts voting a special tax, as his own township did, and operating an eight-months school. He thinks the county unit plan for schools is a good one, and also that the county unit plan is the way to work the roads.

Mr. Turlington and Mr. Poole will have a staunch ally in Mr. Wood on the evolution question.

## Boy Healer



SCORES OF PEOPLE claim to have been healed when Abraham George, eleven year old Indian boy lay his hands upon them. So great was the press about him at Rochester, N. Y., that the lad collapsed from exhaustion.

## Officers Capture Whiskey Plants

### Get Four Distilling Outfits In Boon Hill Township Wednesday Afternoon.

United States Federal officers located and captured four stills between six and seven miles south of Princeton in Boon Hill township Wednesday afternoon. One plant was in operation, but when the officers were a short distance from the still the operators seized it and made good their escape. In their haste they left the doubling pipes, doubling keg, and a fire burning in the furnace. It is not known how they became aware of the approach of the officers. A quantity of beer was destroyed.

At another place a seventy-five gallon copper still was captured and several hundred gallons of beer were taken. The still was not in operation and no one was arrested.

Two other plants were captured the same day. A number of gallons of beer was seized, but the stills had been removed.

All these stills were from two to four miles apart, according to reports received here yesterday.

## Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:30.  
Worship and preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.  
Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 6:15 p. m.  
Senior B. Y. P. U. Monday 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

**Mrs. Spencer Powell Dead.**  
Mrs. Spencer Powell of Bentonville township died last Friday morning in the Spicer Sanatorium, Goldsboro, after an illness of several weeks. The immediate cause of her death was high blood pressure. She was buried Sunday afternoon in the family burying ground. She leaves a husband and five children.

The deceased, who was before her death, Miss Lillie Lee, was a sister of Mr. Allen Lee, of this city.

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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"De job to rool us iz a fat man's lot; Owa eyes may fool us but de scales will not."

## County Board In Regular Session

### Adopt Proposed Raleigh-Garner-Benson To Clinton Highway As Route For Road Through Johnston.

The board of county commissioners of Johnston county met here in regular session on Monday, January 3, with the following members present: C. A. Fitzgerald, chairman, R. H. Richardson, R. U. Barbour, C. M. Wilson, and B. I. Tart. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to the transaction of business. The following resolution which was passed by the board will be of interest to a number of Johnston county citizens:

"That we go on record in favor of the Raleigh-Garner-Benson to Clinton proposed highway, as being taken over by the State Highway Commission, as a part of the State Highway system of roads; That we, the board of commissioners for Johnston county, in meeting duly assembled, adopt said proposed Raleigh-Garner-Benson to Clinton highway, as a route for said road through Johnston county, and recommend to the State Highway Commission the adoption thereof, as a part of the State Highway System.

"Unanimously adopted by the board of commissioners, this 3rd day of January, 1927."

Other business transacted was as follows:

Ordered that Miss Kelly Morgna, Benson, route 3, be paid \$30 for burial of T. A. Johnson, Confederate veteran.

Ordered that Mrs. J. Walter Johnson, Clayton, route 3, be paid \$20 for support of her children. Recommended by county welfare officer.

Ordered that Robert Woodard be released of poll tax in Pine Level township on account of being an outside pauper.

Ordered that G. L. Melvin be paid \$10 for relief through Mrs. D. J. Thurston.

Ordered that D. C. Smith be paid \$38.35, county home expense for December, 1926.

Ordered that W. V. Stuart, Benson, route 2, be paid \$12.50 per month to be paid to J. W. Stuart for relief.

Ordered that Gilbert Broughten be paid \$5 per month as O. P. Ordered that board of education

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## LOCAL BOYS LICK KINSTON QUINTET

### National Guards Defeat Kinston Service Battery Team 35 to 28—Meet Here Again Monday Night

In a spirited game at Kinston Tuesday night the local National Guard basketball team won over the Kinston Service Battery team by a score of 35 to 28, Holland and Ellington tying for the lead with the locals and McAvoy for Kinston. The defense of Brown and Jeanette and the speed of the Kinston team assisted no little in the winning points.

The Service Battery team is one of the best the Smithfield boys have met this season. This team will be here Monday night for a return game which promises to satisfy the fans who want action.

The local National Guard basketball team has played five games this season to date and won all of them—from Fuquay All-Stars, Headquarters Battery of Dunn, Fayetteville Y. M. C. A., Fort Bragg's best team, and the Service Battery team of Kinston. The local team is composed of Holland, Brown, Ellington, Kirkman, Jenette, Davis, Hill and Parrish, all local boys. They have scheduled now games at the Armory as follows: Kinston Service Battery, on Monday night, January 10; New Bern Battery, Wednesday night, January 12; Fayetteville and Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. teams early in February.

These boys will appreciate the support of the people at these games.

## DELEGATION TO MEET COMMISSIONERS HERE

The county commissioners will meet here on Tuesday, January 10, for the purpose of hearing a delegation from different sections of the county discuss the advisability of employing a farm agent in Johnston county. Since this office was discontinued there has been some complaint among the farmers, and the commissioners are taking this method of finding out the public sentiment in regard to this work. All who are interested in this office, either for or against, are invited to be present at the meeting and take part in the discussion.

## New President Holds Meeting

### Methodist Missionary Society Makes Change In Local Work.

The first meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Centenary Methodist church for the new year was held Monday at 3 o'clock in the church, the new president, Mrs. Thel Hooks, presiding.

After a short devotional program the monthly reports were given followed by the annual report of the officers and adoption of some recommendations were as follows:

First. That the circles be suspended for three months.

Second. That a committee of four members be appointed by the president for three months to cooperate with the president and social service superintendent in local affairs.

Third. That a social half hour shall follow the program given on Monday after the third Sunday in each month.

Fourth. That at this meeting each member be requested to hand in a report to the social service superintendent of personal work done during the month.

Fifth. That a limit of \$2.00 be put upon the expense of these social meetings.

Sixth. That a church committee be appointed, the duties of said committee to be: to place flowers in the church for all church services, books in order, and see that the janitor cleans thoroughly.

The members of circles who are not members of the Auxiliary are expected to be present always at this third Monday meeting, this taking the place of circle meetings. Also at this meeting all ladies in town who are interested in Methodism and yet have not moved their membership are invited and welcomed whenever possible to attend.

The treasurers made most gratifying reports, showing a balance in the local treasury of \$165.68, and showing a total of \$809.07 sent to the conference treasurer during the year.

The following committee was appointed for local work: Mrs. R. C. Gillett, Mrs. J. H. Woodall, Mrs. W. D. Hood, and Mrs. H. C. Woodall.

A church committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. W. J. Massey, Mrs. L. H. Sasser, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Mrs. C. V. Johnson and Mrs. J. W. Whitehead.

## Giving Away Tobacco Seed

Those who wish to plant tobacco this year but have not secured their seed may get them by calling on Skinner and Paterson at the Banner warehouse. When they have decided upon how many yards they expect to plant, Mr. Skinner or Mr. Patterson at the Banner warehouse will be glad to furnish the seed. Mr. Skinner, who has been handling tobacco for several years, says that if a man wants nice plants he must prepare the beds well.

## Presbyterian Services.

Smithfield Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Oakland Sunday night at 7:15. Christian Endeavor and preaching. Public cordially invited.

## School Children Being Vaccinated

Smallpox has made its appearance in Johnston county, a case having developed in the town of Benson, according to information received here yesterday. Dr. C. C. Massey, the county health officer, spent yesterday there vaccinating the school children, both white and colored. Local physicians are vaccinating others in Benson. So far as known, this is the only case of smallpox in the county.

## Talk Extension Of City Limits

### Appoint Committee To Ascertain Expense Of Sewerage, Fire And Police Protection Of Additional Territory.

The City Fathers had more to consider Tuesday night than the location of a municipal building, and among these items was the report of a committee previously appointed to outline territory that may be included in the corporate limits of Smithfield. This committee was composed of R. P. Holding, W. H. Lassiter, W. F. Grimes, and Dr. Thel Hooks. These men, together with E. P. Lore, a surveyor, indicated in writing the extension contemplated, but the description was not deemed definite enough, and the committee was asked to prepare a map and a statement concerning the assessed valuation of the property in the area, and an estimate of the expense which would be entailed in running sewer lines, in giving fire and police protection, etc., all of which shall be presented at a special meeting to be held next Tuesday night. The proposed extension would include Rosemont, W. L. Fuller's residence and the two filling stations to the south of town, the Ivanhoe cotton mill and about half a mile of property belonging to the A. C. L. along the railroad.

An extension of the town limits, however, cannot be made except by action of the legislature.

The report of the fire department was interesting. Bernice Jones, fire chief, had filed a report of three small fires in December giving a detailed expense of these fires which totaled about \$45. At the invitation of Mr. Jones, Mr. Brockwell, of the State Insurance Department, was present, and pointed out some of the fire hazards in Smithfield. He prefaced his remarks about local conditions by calling attention to the fact that an average of 301 human beings in North Carolina have been burned to death every year for the past five years, and that in spite of the fact that this state has the lowest rate for fires in the southern states, fifty-one cents is wasted in North Carolina fires for every dollar spent for roads, or enough to build two \$150,000 school buildings in all of the 100 counties of the state. In speaking of the urgent needs of the local fire department, which he had inspected, he advocated the purchase of a 750-gallon pump. While in the city Mr. Brockwell inspected the fire district and made recommendations for certain changes which the board ordered.

Before the board adjourned, the matter of hogs and stock damaging Oakland cemetery was discussed, and after hearing the report of W. D. Hopd, who had been appointed to make investigations concerning this condition at the cemetery, it was decided to put a fence around it.

## Centenary Methodist Church.

### D. E. Earnhardt, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:30. T. C. Young, superintendent. Preaching at 11 and 7 by the pastor. Text for the morning, "Let all God's Saints rejoice in goodness." Subject for the evening, "A truth feared by some, neglected by many, and needed by all."

Subject for prayer meeting Wednesday night, "The Book of Daniel."

## Recorder's Court Has Full Docket

### Tuesday and Wednesday Are Devoted to Trial of Criminal Cases

Recorder's Court was in session two days here this week, the following cases being disposed of:

Paul Noland and Joseph Judge, white, were on court charged with carrying concealed weapons. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each and cost.

Dewey Coates and Mrs. Dewey Coates, white, of Ingrams township, pleaded guilty to a violation of the prohibition laws. Dewey Coates was sentenced to jail for a term of 90 days to be worked on the roads of Johnston county. Road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and the cost. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs as to Mrs. Dewey Coates, this being her first offense.

P. G. Whitley, white, of Wilders township, pleaded guilty to the violation of the prohibition laws. He was fined \$25 and required to pay the cost of the action.

P. H. Allen, a white man of Ingrams, was in court for false pretense. He was found guilty, and judgment suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Daniel Young, a white man of Meadow township, who has been in court a number of times, was found guilty of assault and cursing on public highway. He was sentenced to jail for a term of 30 days on each count. The road sentence was suspended upon good behavior for 12 months and paying cost.

James Connie, colored, of Clayton, was found guilty of assault. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of cost. He was also found guilty of assault with deadly weapon. On this count he was sent to jail for a period of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and required to pay the cost.

Willie Sanders, colored, of Four Oaks, was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and sentenced to jail for a term of 18 months to be worked on the roads of the county. He was also required to pay the cost.

J. W. Tomlinson, a white man of Wilson's Mills, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of cost.

Atlas Tart and Emory Tart, white, of Ingrams, pleaded guilty to a violation of the prohibition laws. Atlas Tart being under 16 years of age, he was remanded to juvenile court for trial. Emory Tart was sent to jail for a term of 90 days to be worked on the county roads, and taxed with the costs.

M. Bishop, colored, of Wilders, drew a four-months road sentence for operating a car while intoxicated.

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## MRS. J. T. AVERA DIES SUDDENLY

### Found Dead On Back Porch After Attending Funeral—Buried Yesterday.

Wednesday night about seven o'clock, Coroner J. H. Kirkman was called about four miles west of town to investigate the death of Mrs. Avera, widow of the late John T. Avera, which was thought to have occurred late Wednesday afternoon.

Upon arrival Mr. Kirkman found her lying on the back porch where she had passed away, apparently from heart failure. She had formerly suffered from a heart trouble and did not deem an inquest necessary.

Mrs. Avera has returned from a funeral at Yelverton Grove and was alone. One of her neighbors went to see her, and upon finding the front door locked, went to the rear of the house where she was found dead on the back porch.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at Yelverton Grove, conducted by Rev. H. R. Faircloth and Rev. J. T. Collier, of Micro, and interment was made in the cemetery nearby. The deceased was about sixty years old.

## Plans Are Now Taking Shape For Town Hall

### Flappers Scare Him



JOHN CALVIN JONES, 80-year-old plainsman, from Douglas, Arizona, is visiting Boston. He says: "I've fought many a tribe of redskins in my days, but these present day flappers have got me tickled."

## Episcopalians Meet In Selma

### Hold Interesting Sessions of Council Thursday Morning And Afternoon—Other Selma Items.

SELMA, Jan. 5.—The council of the Bishop's Crusade of this diocese met in the Episcopal church of Selma on Thursday, December 30. Two interesting sessions were held, morning and afternoon, with a large number of visitors in attendance. Among the visitors from out of town were: Bishop Joseph Blount Chesire, Archdeacon Bethesda, Dr. W. W. Way, rector of St. Mary's, Raleigh; Rev. Henry G. Lane, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh; Rev. Milton A. Barber, rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh; Rev. B. M. Lockey, rector of St. Saviour's, Raleigh; Rev. Francis Craighill, Rocky Mount; Rev. E. W. Baxter, Wilson; Rev. A. D. C. Noe, Erwin; Rev. A. S. Lawrence, Chapel Hill; Rev. Clarence H. Jordan, Weldon, and Rev. Norman Cordon, Winston-Salem.

A play will be staged in the Selma school auditorium Thursday evening by Rev. B. M. Lackey and a group of Raleigh young people for the purpose of adding to funds for covering the Selma Episcopal church. The public is invited.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Martin, of Rock Hill, S. C., are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sherrin, of Hartsville, S. C., spent last week here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Scales have returned from a visit to Charlotte. Miss Hazel Renfro, of Florence, S. C., is visiting Mrs. C. J. Joyner.

Miss Gladys Gill, of Louisville, visited Mrs. A. K. Eason last week.

Mrs. A. Z. Pearce, Mrs. E. G. Richardson and daughter, Miss Eva, shopped in Smithfield Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Pearce, who has been visiting Mrs. A. Z. Pearce, left for her home in Wilmington Saturday.

Miss Annabelle Noel, of Dunn, spent last week end with relatives in Selma. Miss Noel was present at the morning service at Edgerton Memorial church and rendered a solo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warren, of Norfolk, Va., have returned to their home after a visit here to Mrs. I. H. Warren.

Miss Blanche Wagner, of High Point, visited Mrs. C. A. Bailey during the holidays.

Miss Myrtle May Parker, of Goldsboro, spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wiggs, of Fayetteville, spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Sitton, of Portsmouth, Va., returned to their home Sunday after spending several days here with Mrs. R. A. Ashworth.

## Board of Town Commissioners Buy Part of Poole Lot For Erection of Municipal Building.

Whether the town shall build a twenty, a forty, or a sixty thousand dollar municipal building has not been determined, but the town board of commissioners have gone far enough to confirm the purchase of a 60 by 150 foot lot on the corner of Market and Fourth streets, generally known as a part of the George Poole property, as a site for some kind of municipal building. The lot was bought of Miss Ora V. Poole and Mrs. Mary Moore at a consideration of \$6,000.

The city clerk's office was practically filled Tuesday night with citizens interested in the municipal building proposition, and a discussion was entered into that presented every phase of location and building, that should have satisfied every one present. Several citizens spoke in favor of the old site of the burned building; others gave their opinion that the Poole lot was preferable; some were emphatically against raising taxes; others saw how rental from a moving picture house, store, and offices could pay interest and retire bonds for a modern adequate building without raising taxes. Questions were asked and answered, and the spirit of the coming together seemed to have been a desire to get at the facts. Among those not on the board who made remarks concerning the proposition were: G. E. Thornton, W. W. Jordan, E. S.

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## JURY LIST FOR FEBRUARY TERM

### County Commissioners Draw Jurors For Two Weeks Term Superior Court.

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners held here this week the following jurors were drawn for the February term of Superior Court:

**First Week**  
E. F. Boyett, Smithfield; C. H. Lassiter, Elevation; M. M. Hobbs, Elevation; W. B. Woodall, Banner; Luby Batten, Onales; J. V. Woodard, Beulah; Paul S. Lee, Banner; H. A. Hinant, Beulah; L. T. Foster, Selma; L. W. Richardson, Beulah; L. C. Clifton, Elevation; E. Roberts, Pleasant Grove; Theo. Hinant, Pine Level; H. C. Williams, Bentonville; Seth W. Lawler, Bentonville; Howard W. Oliver, Boon Hill; Edgar Barbour, Elevation; A. H. Atkinson, Onales; W. B. Godwin, Pine Level; C. B. Batten, Beulah; L. F. Sasser, W. W. Thornton, Elevation; Z. B. Hill, Smithfield; A. A. Tison, Pleasant Grove.

**Second Week**  
W. C. Stewart, Ingrams; Rowe, Boon Hill; J. W. Jr., Micro; A. R. Cuffield; J. W. Bunn, Onales; A. Barbour, Ingrams; Sengill, Ingrams; J. F. grams; Willie Dixon; A. Flowers, Beulah; ston, Elevation; M. Banner; C. V. Johnson; C. F. Neighbors, Banner; Cockrell, Beulah; F. I. Onales; Willis H. Sande; John K. Sanders, S.

**A Tantalizer**  
There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

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Paul Braswell recognized his name last issue.