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## Regular Meeting Of County Board

**Takes Two Days To Dispose of Business; Number of Tax Releases; Delegations Appear Before Board**

The regular meeting of the county board of commissioners held here Monday and Tuesday of this week was characterized by the hearing of various delegations, the releasing of taxes listed by error, the approving of bills for payment, and numerous minor items.

The tax releases included the following: Mrs. W. O. Rackley released of \$1500 listed through error; Miss Ora V. Pool released of tax on lot in town of Smithfield upon payment of \$132.74; W. B. Harper released of poll tax on account of infirmities; T. H. Hall and wife released of \$500 tax valuation on real estate listed by error; D. W. Edwards, Boon Hill, released of \$3000 tax valuation, listed by error and check issued for return; Jno. D. Edwards released of \$1.00 on dog tax, listed through error; J. A. Parker released of \$500 taxation on lot in town of Benson, listed through error; L. H. Johnson, Clayton, released of \$4000 tax valuation listed through error; Woman's Club of Clayton released of tax valuation on lot in town of Clayton on account charitable institution; G. D. Woodard released of special taxes on solvent credits in Beulah township; R. H. Richardson, Wilders township, released of taxation on 15 acres of land; Mr. R. F. Blackman, Ingrams, released of \$1.70 tax 1926 listed by error.

The clerk was ordered to inspect the tax abstract of R. L. Johnson, Cleveland township, and if found to be changed, was instructed to make new abstract and issue release.

Other matters disposed of Tuesday and Wednesday include the following:

Ordered that J. B. Creech be instructed to appear before the commissioners the first Monday in March to clear up matter concerning fences torn down by county road force.

Ordered that Willie Dixon be appointed public cotton weigher for town of Benson, and his bond was approved and ordered filed.

Ordered office of Fingerprint Specialist to be discontinued. The duties of this office consisted in making finger prints of all prisoners.

Ordered that Mrs. Jack Ellis be paid one dollar additional per month.

Ordered that J. W. Langdon be paid \$10 on coffin for Donnie Barbour.

Ordered that G. L. Melvin be removed from outside pauper list and accepted as inmate of county home.

Ordered that Mrs. Mary Creech be paid \$20 on burial expense of Gilbert Broughton.

Ordered that John P. Stephenson be paid \$11 for grease killed by dogs in Pleasant Grove.

Ordered that G. T. Peacock, of Benson, route 2, be paid \$6 on expense of Vienna Lee.

Ordered that Millie Ann Rose, Kenly, route 2, be placed on outside pauper list at \$5.00 per month.

Ordered that Mrs. Floyd Fields be paid \$20 per month temporarily.

Ordered that Mrs. Bessie Wall be paid \$15 per month. Outside pauper.

Ordered that J. Walter Johnson be paid \$20 for one month, outside pauper.

Ordered that Mrs. J. H. Jordan be paid \$25, outside pauper.

Ordered that J. M. Boyett be paid \$2.00, P. H. Ingrams township.

Ordered that W. T. Young be paid \$5.00 for lumber and repairing bridge, Banner township.

Ordered that T. O. Massengill be paid \$4.00 for damage to sheep by dogs.

Ordered that the 16th day of February be set apart as day to inspect county home conditions. Exactly 114 bills were examined and ordered paid.

## Speaker for Golden Rule Dinner Tonight



DR. GEO. R. GILLESPIE

## Expect Crowd At Near East Dinner

**Musical Program Is Attractive Feature; Dr. G. R. Gillespie To Make Address**

A large crowd is expected to attend the community Golden Rule Dinner at the armory tonight at seven o'clock.

The program promises to be one of unusual interest. A reception committee composed of the pastors of the churches, Mayor J. Arthur Narron, Miss Mattie Poo, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, and Dr. W. J. B. Orr, will meet the guests at the door. An orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Vocal solos by Miss Frances White and violin solos by Mr. Sol N. Bane will feature the musical program. Dr. Geo. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, will be the speaker of the evening and his address will be followed by a reel of moving pictures, "A Message From Galilee."

The entire program which will last about an hour and fifteen minutes promises to be one of educational, inspirational, and social value. The ticket sale will not close until dinner is served.

## Centenary Methodist Church.

(D. E. Earnhardt, Pastor)  
Sunday school at 9:30; T. C. Young, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 and 7:30 by the pastor.

Subject for the morning, "Sitting at the feet of Jesus."  
Subject for the night, "Return unto thy rest."

Subject for Wednesday night prayer meeting, "Where are the dead?"

Subject for Epworth League Monday night, "How to make our lives steadfast." The subject announced here for prayer meeting is the second of the series of pre-Easter subjects. We are dealing with the general subject, "Eternity." We had a great attendance last Wednesday night even in the rain.

## BID FOR CARRYING MAIL

Carrying the mail from the post-office to the station seems to be a coveted position from the number who put in bids for the job. Nelson Hathaway, however, made the lowest bid, and beginning tomorrow, he is the official mail carrier. Others making bids were J. L. Woody, J. J. Batten, Jim Smith, (colored) and Hyman Fort, (colored.)

## HOSPITAL WANTS SHRUBS AND FLOWERS

The new concrete driveway at the hospital is now completed, and the hospital management wishes to advise the public that shrubbery, plants, bulbs of all kinds to beautify the grounds, will be appreciated. Next Wednesday, February 16, has been set apart as a day to put out plants, and anyone having anything in this line that they can give to the hospital, will be called for, if they will notify the hospital. Anything in flower plants will be graciously accepted.

Visiting In Dunn.  
Miss Elizabeth Young is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Best in Dunn.

## Town Board Buys Lot On Fourth St.

**Guards at Station Grade Crossing Taken Off; New Crossing Is Being Discussed; Preparing Paving Assessments**

The town board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening approved the purchase of a lot on Fourth street adjoining the fire house. The property which is 26 1/2 by 210 feet was bought of T. R. Hood at a consideration of \$2,000. The fire house occupies practically the whole of the lot along Fourth street on which it is situated, and additional ground was needed as an outlet from the rear of the house.

The usual routine business was transacted Tuesday night, the only other thing of general interest coming up for discussion being a letter from Capt. W. H. Newell, of the A. C. L. regarding the grade crossings at the station. Capt. Newell advised the town authorities that the watchmen who have guarded the crossing north of the station, have been taken off, since traffic has been allowed on the new hardsurfaced highway. This action raised the question of how best to make safe the railroad crossings at the station. No definite action was taken in the matter but some sort of recommendations will no doubt be made in the near future. One plan that has been suggested is to abandon the old crossing north of the station entirely but let the road continue from the end of Marke t street crossing the railroad tracks where the cotton platform now stands, and curving slightly on the east side of the track in order to join the present road that passes in front of Mr. D. B. Hamilton's place. In the event this crossing should be adopted the A. C. L. would probably install signals to safeguard the crossing.

At this meeting there was some slight discussion of the new paving assessments which are now being prepared and which will be published shortly.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS WOMAN'S CLUB

The chief business to come before the Woman's club at its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon was the hearing of the nominating committee's report and the passing of a resolution endorsing the administration of Mrs. Anna Luceford, postmaster and recommending her reappointment in March.

The nominating committee filed a report which lies on the table until the March meeting at which time the election of officers will take place, as follows: It was recommended that the president, Mrs. W. N. Holt, serve in this capacity until May, filling out her two years' term. Mrs. Holt was chosen to fill out an unexpired term and was then reelected for the present year. Other officers selected by the committee are: vice-president, Mrs. W. D. Hood; recording secretary, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. M. Noble; treasurer, Mrs. G. F. Lattimore; chairman of civics, Mrs. Hal C. Hood; music, Mrs. John White Ives; literary, Mrs. J. H. Kirkman; social secretary, Mrs. Joe Davis; home economics, Miss Ruth Jones; library, Mrs. N. M. Lawrence; assistants in library departments, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson and Mrs. W. H. Byrd; editor, Mrs. H. B. Marrow.

The nominating committee recommended that the cemetery work be turned back to the town, and also recommended that copies of the club constitution with the various amendments be printed for distribution. These recommendations were adopted.

Mrs. Joe Davis presented a resolution which was carried, recommending the reappointment in March of Mrs. Luceford as postmaster.

## Presbyterian Services.

Smithfield Sunday morning 11 o'clock. Sermon by pastor. Oakland Sunday night, Christian Endeavor and sermon at seven o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## More Evidence In Shooting Affair

**Preliminary Hearing Reveals Details of Rogers-Blue Shooting That Took Place in Kenly Sunday Afternoon**

KENLY, Feb. 9.—At the preliminary hearing on Monday morning of James Rogers and Malachi C. Blue in regard to the accidental shooting of Ella May Blue, Blue's wife, by James Rogers, her uncle, on Sunday afternoon at the latter's home where Blue and his wife roomed, the following facts came out:

On Sunday afternoon Blue took his gun and went to ride. It is reported by those who saw him riding that he was under the influence of liquor. Later in the afternoon when returning, as he turned a corner to drive up to Rogers' home, he turned loose the steering wheel. The car ran across the sidewalk into Rogers' yard and came near hitting a small child of Rogers'. Rogers' wife asked Blue what he meant by such reckless driving. He replied that he meant nothing. James Rogers who was in the house came to the door and other words followed. Then Rogers told Blue that if he could not stop drinking and behave himself he wanted him to remove his belongings elsewhere right then. Blue replied that he would get his gun from the car and that they would settle it then. He proceeded to get his gun and Rogers went into the house and called to those outside to get the police. When help arrived, Blue held the parties off the yard with his gun. In the meantime Rogers got his gun and went to an open window where he shot at Blue through a curtain. Blue's wife, who was out in the yard, happened to step around that way just then and received the shot which proved to be fatal. Blue shot immediately after Rogers, the discharge from his gun entering the window facing.

Rogers was arrested and placed in jail. Blue was arrested later in Smithfield, at the hospital where he had accompanied his wife who died that evening as before stated. On Monday morning Blue was brought to Kenly where he and Rogers were given a preliminary hearing. That afternoon both were taken to Smithfield where they are held in jail without bail.

Rogers is said to have a good reputation among the people of the community and the tragic accident is regrettable.

## PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT CLEVELAND SCHOOL

On next Friday evening, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock, the following plays will be given at the Cleveland school: "Her Blessed Boy"; "Fun in a Photograph Gallery"; and "Darkey Wood Dealer." Admission 35c and 25c. Everybody is cordially invited. Tickets will be on sale at the B. B. Drug store, formerly Johnston Drug store, in Smithfield, after Friday, February 4.

## MR. FLOYD LANGLEY DIES SUDDENLY MONDAY

PRINCETON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Floyd Langley died suddenly Monday morning at Holt's mill. He was driving a log cart and was returning from Princeton. When arriving at the mill, he got off the cart and sat down by the road, telling some one near that he was feeling bad. In a few moments he was dead. Dr. Stevens was summoned from Princeton and pronounced his death caused by heart failure. Mr. Langley was a man of about 40 years. He leaves three or four children.

## APPALACHIAN STATE NORMAL GROWS

A communication from Miss Oia Beatty, of Wilson's Mills, who is in school at the Appalachian State Normal at Boone, states that there are three students at that institution from Johnston county. The enrollment is 315, just fifty per cent more than last year at this time. Miss Beatty is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Beatty.

## Church Society For Sunday Law

**Passes Resolution To Ask Legislators To Enact Sunday Closing Law for Entire County; Other Resolutions**

The local Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, took the initiative, at its regular meeting Monday afternoon, in a matter that concerns all of Johnston county, when it adopted a resolution calling upon the county's representatives in the legislature, to cause a law to be enacted closing all places of business in the county on Sunday. The society was in a resolute mood, and two others were offered and passed. One of these was an endorsement of the bills pending in the legislature to establish a farm colony for women and to take over the industrial school for delinquent negro girls at Efland. The other was in regard to the excess Bennett Memorial fund, \$133,000, which this society would have used for immediate missionary needs in foreign lands.

The text of the resolution regarding the Sunday closing in the county is as follows:

**RESOLUTIONS.**  
Convinced that the determined assault which is being made by the foes of Christianity throughout the Nation against the Christian Sabbath, as reflected in the efforts to abolish all Sunday laws and being assured that every effort to destroy the observance of the Sabbath, is a blow at the church, and that a blow at the church is a blow at Christian Civilization of which God's Holy Day is the chief cornerstone, which should be challenged by a united resolve upon the part of our Christian citizenship.

And being further convinced that the public operation of stores, garages, service stations and other like businesses on Sunday is detrimental to the spiritual life of the community and in direct violation of the law of the State of North Carolina as set forth in Sec. 2955 of the Consolidated Statutes, and that the flagrant violation of said law is due to the fact that only a small forfeiture is prescribed for said violation, instead of making its violation punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, that we request Hon. Claude Canaday, of the Senate, and Hon. John W. Wood and Hon. H. R. Jones, of the House, our representatives in the General Assembly of North Carolina, to cause a law to be enacted, for Johnston county, which shall provide, that on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, no store, service station, garage or filling station shall be kept open in Johnston County for trade or business, and that any person violating said law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$50.00, or imprisoned for more than 30 days, in the discretion of the court.

Other business transacted by the society Monday included the decision to take five shares of building and loan stock to help build the new Sunday school annex, and the appropriation of \$100 toward the support of a foreign missionary, Kim Yung Hak, of Siberia. The church voted at a recent quarterly conference to give \$600 as a missionary special this year. Since then it has been decided to use this special for the support of a missionary, and the contribution from the missionary society will apply on this fund.

## CANADAYS BILL PASSES SENATE

Among the bills which passed the Senate Tuesday was one to change the date of automobile registration from the fiscal to the calendar year which was introduced by Hon. C. C. Canaday, senator from Johnston county. The bill called forth much debate last week but when it came to a vote the bill passed the senate successfully, and was sent to the house.

## Former Presidents Wives Exploring Go



The spirit of adventure has called to two wives of former presidents and both are sailing the seas to meet in South America—there to trip together. On the left Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of "Teddy" and, right, Mrs. T. J. Preston, widow of Grover Cleveland.

## Rev. C. A. Jenkins Taken By Death At Age Of Eighty

**Well Known Baptist Minister of Clayton Passes Away in Raleigh Hospital; Rev. O. L. Stringfield Pays Tribute at Funeral**

After a severe illness of more than two weeks in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, well known Baptist minister of Clayton passed away Tuesday afternoon about one o'clock. He was taken to the Raleigh hospital on his 77th birthday, and on account of his advanced age his afflictions did not yield to medical treatment.

The funeral was held in the Clayton Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock. Rev. Ira E. D. Andrews, pastor of the church, had charge of the service, but was assisted by Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the Methodist church, and by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Zebulon, who paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased. Rev. Mr. Stringfield had known Mr. Jenkins for nearly half a century, and his words carried weight as one who knows intimately and appreciated fully the worth of his departed friend.

Interment took place in the Clayton cemetery immediately following the funeral service. The floral offerings were unusually lovely. The pallbearers were: G. Thurman Smith, E. R. Gulley, C. W. Horne, Dr. Battle Hocutt, and D. H. Williams.

The deceased was born in Benson, Miss., but received his education at the University of Virginia. The greater part of his work as a minister, however, was done in North Carolina, and his declining years were spent in Clayton, he having at one time served as pastor of the Clayton Baptist church. In his early manhood, he was a layman and vestryman in the Episcopal church, but accepted the Baptist faith and joined that church at Staunton, Va. Besides being a successful

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## SHOE DEPARTMENT FOR AMERICAN DOLLAR STORE

Mr. Sol N. Bane, proprietor of the American Dollar Store, announces that a shoe department will be opened in his store about March 1. A popular line of shoes for men, women and children will be carried. This department will be operated by the Carolina Shoe company of Goldsboro.

The amount of business done by the American Dollar store since its opening here has been sufficient to warrant its continued success and has convinced W. Switzer, president of the Carolina Shoe company, who owns a chain of shoe stores, that a shoe department will pay here. These shoe departments are located only with well established and enterprising firms. Watch for further announcements in regard to this addition to the American Dollar store.

## Building Picks Up In Pine Level

**Baptists Arrange For Selma Pastor To Preach in Pine Level on First Sundays**

PINE LEVEL, Feb. 10.—The building program for Pine Level is on the increase. Two new buildings have just been completed, and still another one just on the verge of completion. The last one referred to is to be the handsome residence of T. O. Wiggs, one of Pine Level's most progressive merchants, and will add much to the appearance of the little town when completed.

Much preparation has been made by the farmers in this section for the past ten days, getting ready for farming. Most of the land has been broken ready for spring planting.

The basketball season has now passed for the high school at Pine Level, and the young men now are turning their attention to baseball. They expect to train a fast team that will bat the ball so far that they will be able to make several home runs while the ball is being found. Now if you don't believe this, just come over for a game some time in the near future.

Rev. E. C. Gaskill, of Sea Level, was the week end guest of Rev. S. H. Styron, returning home on Monday.

This section was visited by a splendid rain Tuesday that did much good to the farmers in this section, also those who are trying to garden. Many have bought cabbage plants and set out only to have them die. The rain was a welcome visitor in this section.

The political pot began to boil over some time back when the City Fathers began to talk of increasing the city tax for further needed improvements, but is normal now.

The members of the Missionary Baptist church were much pleased with the message that was delivered Sunday by Rev. R. L. Shirley, pastor of the Baptist church of Selma. It is understood that the church has made arrangements with the church at Selma so that he will preach here every first Sunday.

Entertains Church Officials  
Selma, Feb. 9.—Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Sharpe entertained the board of trustees and the stewards of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church, Monday evening at a lovely three course dinner. The president of the Missionary Society, Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz, was also present.

After a social hour a business session was held. It was decided at this meeting that the church support a missionary or native preacher in Korea. The plan had previously been put before the members of the church.

Plans for building a new parsonage were discussed and the matter was turned over to the trustees for consideration.

## Little Boy Injures Eye

James Robert Sanders, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Sanders had the misfortune Sunday afternoon to injure one of his eyes so severely that it is feared the sight is destroyed. The little fellow was playing when he ran into a barbed wire fence, cutting his temple and nose so that several stitches were necessary, and also cutting one eye. He is able to be up and is getting along as well as could be expected.

## 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 leechers 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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(Miss) Neta Ennis recognized her name last issue.