

FARMERS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION MEETS

Annual Report Shows Large Gain; Officers Elected

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association was held at the court house Monday.

The attendance, for a cold day, was large, members being present from all parts of the county.

The annual report showed a gain of 57 members, carrying the total to 574, and the amount of insurance to \$777,918.00, which is a gain of 93,700 over that of last year.

Every phase of the annual report was very satisfactory and shows clearly that fire insurance can be had at low cost. The Farmers Insurance policies also include damage by wind and lightning which is a step further than other companies.

The following officers were elected for the year 1924: W. C. Manning, president, James L. Coltrane, Secretary-Treasurer, Sylvester Peel, Samuel T. Everett, and Moye P. Taylor, directors.

Supervisors are: J. F. Jackson, R. G. Sexton, Jno. H. Bailey, Joshua L. Coltrane, W. W. Griffin, B. L. Gardner, B. Mc. Manning, Henry Roberson, Henry Peel, Jos. H. Griffin, A. W. Bailey, James D. Bowen, J. S. Meeks, W. H. Rogers, W. H. Edwards, J. A. Ausban, J. H. D. Peel, Henry Peel, B. R. Jenkins, A. E. Smith, T. A. Bunting, R. L. Taylor, M. P. Taylor, Jos. H. Harrison, W. S. Rhodes, Ed. Purvis, T. B. Slade, Jr., W. R. Everett, W. J. Johnson and N. F. Brown.

Agents for the company are: Jas. L. Coltrane, Mc. G. Taylor, S. T. Everett, and W. C. Manning.

CAR LOAD OF MULES SOLD AT AUCTION SAT.

Prices Paid Were Very Low, Averaged About \$150. Each

A car load of young mules were sold here Saturday at noon in front of the stables of J. H. Purvis and Son to the accompaniment of a brass band.

The mules were generally of good type and size and the prices seemed reasonable, but either the exceedingly cold weather or the fact that our farmers prefer to buy in the old way, which gives them more time to investigate and look the mules over, caused the bidding to be rather slow. Some very fine mules were sold at about \$140 and \$150 each.

BIGGS DRUG CO. INSTALLS RAD

The S. R. Biggs Drug Company has just installed a new radio set costing about \$300.00 from Mr. Lyman, the radio man.

The speech of Senator Harrison given out from the Pittsburg station proved to be very interesting to the many listeners. The set is capable of picking up messages sent out from Cuba and other far away stations.

TEXACO FILLING STATION DISPOSING OF SILVERWARE

The Texaco Filling Station is offering with each five dollar purchase of gas or oil a handsome combination silverware set for less than cost, or in other words, the management is giving to its patrons a combination silverware set.

MISS FRANCES WILLIAMS ENTERTAINS

Commiserating her house guest, Miss Mary Harvey Charles, of Washington, Miss Frances Williams was at home to several of her little friends on Saturday afternoon from 5:30 until six at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Biggs in New Town.

The lovely home was decorated for the occasion with bowls of narcissi and potted plants. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. Carrie B. Williams. Bridge and rump were played, Miss Susie James making high score in bridge and Miss Margaret Joyner in rump. They were presented attractive bottles of perfume and the guest of honor was given a box of chocolates.

Those invited were: Misses Susie James, Ruth Peel, Margaret Joyner, Melba Wynne, Elizabeth Gurganus and Catherine Hardison.

PLAN TAKING DEFINITE SHAPE FOR EXPOSITION

To Be Better and Bigger Than the One Of Last Year

All eyes in Eastern North Carolina will be centered on the big Exposition, that is to be held at Kinston one week beginning April 7th of this year, for the next three months. Plans are fast taking definite shape which indicate that this will be up to the slogan, "The South's Biggest Event of Its Kind". There isn't a better place in all the eastern part of the State to hold the big show than Kinston. The excellent road system radiating in every direction from this metropolis of Eastern Carolina, will make it easy for everybody to get least one day.

In speaking of the program recently that is being gotten together for this big occasion, Secretary Bailett said, "We had a wonderful exhibition of things last year, but it is going to be even bigger this year". Some outstanding Sars will open the Exposition on Monday night and then on till the curtain falls Saturday evening there will be something doing all the time. The committee expects to get together a program that will appeal to every class of patronage, and no expense will be spared to bring this about.

Last year, the first year, more than 50,000 square feet of floor space was covered with exhibits of various kinds. This year the indications are there will be more exhibits and a bigger variety. An extra effort is going to be made now to get a real agricultural show. Every county that is a member of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is entitled to a free booth and this means that more than fifteen counties will have a chance to do some real first-class advertising. They will be there in no uncertain way.

Every manufacturing plant in the State ought to have some floor space at this big show. It is an excellent way of putting before the outside world, Eastern North Carolina's wonderful advantages.

The turn stiles last year registered 17,310 paid admissions with two rainy days. The attendance this year should run to 30,000 easily. They are going to Kinston, you bet.

COLD WAVE PLAYS HAVOC WITH PIPES

The weather man gave the people warning of a cold snap but because it did not come as promptly as was expected our people did not heed and Saturday night a real plumbers snap hit, sending the bulb down to ten degrees, splintering water pipes and bursting tanks in many places, giving the plumber more jobs than he could handle.

J. S. PAGE DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mr. J. S. Page died Friday night while undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Page came to Williamston to see a doctor and was told by Dr. Warren that unless immediate relief was given he could not live but a few hours. He was rushed to the Washington Hospital, but too late, for he was unable to stand the operation and died on the table. Mr. Page had recently suffered several severe attacks of asthma and that weakness may have had some influence against his case.

Mr. Page was a farmer 39 years old. He married Miss Lida Moore, who with four children survive him. He was buried at the Noble burying ground Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. V. Joyner conducting the funeral.

MR. JOSHUA H. HARDISON, DEAD

Mr. Joshua H. Hardison, of Smithwick's Creek died Saturday night from pneumonia. Mr. Hardison was seventy seven years old, the last member of a large family of children. He had never married. He was buried in the family grave yard Sunday, the funeral being conducted by Elder W. B. Harrington, pastor of the church at Smithwick's Creek, where the deceased had long been a member.

CHERRY-JACKSON

Mr. Frank Cherry and Miss Lillie Jackson, both of Old Ford, Beaufort County, were united in marriage Sunday evening, December 13 at 6:30 at the home of the bride's father, Rev. Richard Bagby, of Washington, officiating.

The many beautiful presents received shows the high esteem in which they are held in their community.

\$100,000 PEACE PLAN PRIZE AWARDED

Advocates Entering World Court and Cooperation With League Without Full Membership at Present—Suggests League Membership Be Opened to All Nations and Provides for Development of International Law.

The American Peace Award brought forth 22,165 plans and many thousands of letters. Since many of the plans were the composite work of organizations, universities, etc., a single plan often represented the views of hundreds or thousands of individuals. The content of these plans is therefore an index of the true feeling and judgment of hundreds of thousands of American citizens.

These plans come from every group in American life. Some are obviously from lifelong students of history and international law. Some are from persons who have studied little, but who have themselves seen and felt the horror of war—or who are even now living out its tragedy.

But among them all are these dominant currents: that, if war is honestly to be prevented, there must be a face-about on the part of the nations in their attitude toward it; that by some progressive agreement the manufacture and purchase of the munitions of war must be limited or stopped; that while no political mechanism alone will insure cooperation among the nations, there must be some machinery of cooperation if the will to cooperate is to be made effective; that mutual counsel among the nations is the real hope for bringing about the disavowal of war by the open avowal of its real causes and open discussion of them; and finally that there must be some means of defining, recording, interpreting and developing the law of nations.

The Question to Be Voted Upon The substantial provisions which constitute the plan selected by the Jury of Award, and upon which the vote of the American people is asked, are hereby submitted by the Policy Committee as follows:

I. ENTER THE PERMANENT COURT

That the United States adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice for the reasons and under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

II. COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, WITHOUT FULL MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT

That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States Government should extend its present cooperation with the League and propose participation in the work of its Assembly and Council under the following conditions and reservations:

Safeguarding of Monroe Doctrine

1. The United States accepts the League of Nations as an instrument of mutual counsel, but it will assume no obligation to interfere with political questions of policy or internal administration of any foreign state.

In uniting its efforts with those of other States for the preservation of peace and the promotion of the common welfare, the United States insists upon the safeguarding of the Monroe Doctrine and does not abandon its traditional attitude concerning American independence of the Old World and does not consent to submit its long established policy concerning questions regarded by it as purely American to the recommendation or decision of other Powers.

No Military or Economic Force

2. That the only kind of compulsion which nations can freely engage to apply to each other in the name of Peace is that which arises from conference, from moral judgment, from full publicity, and from the power of public opinion.

The United States would assume no obligations under Article X in its present form, or under Article XVI in its present form in the Covenant, or in its amended form as now proposed, unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

The United States proposes that Articles X and XVI be either dropped altogether or so amended and changed as to eliminate any suggestion of a general agreement to use coercion for obtaining conformity to the pledges of the Covenant.

No Obligations Under Versailles Treaty

3. That the United States will accept no responsibilities under the Treaty of Versailles unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

League Open to All Nations

4. The United States Government proposes that Article I of the Covenant be construed and applied, or, if necessary, re-drafted, so that admission to the League shall be assured to any self-governing State that wishes to join and that receives the favorable vote of two-thirds of the Assembly.

Development of International Law

5. As a condition of its participation in the work and councils of the League, the United States asks that the Assembly and Council consent—or obtain authority—to begin collaboration for the revision and development of international law, employing for this purpose the aid of a commission of jurists. This Commission would be directed to formulate anew existing rules of the law of nations, to reconcile divergent opinions, to consider points hitherto inadequately provided for but vital to the maintenance of international justice, and in general to define the social rights and duties of States. The recommendations of the Commission would be presented from time to time, in proper form for consideration, to the Assembly as to a recommending if not a law-making body.

Author's Name Not to Be Revealed Until After Referendum

In order that the vote may be taken solely upon the merits of the plan, the Policy Committee, with the acquiescence of Mr. Bok, has decided not to disclose the authorship of the plan until after the referendum. The identity is unknown to the members of the Jury of Award and the Policy Committee, except one delegated member.

JOHN W. DAVIS LEARNED HAND

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK HAS GOOD STATEMENT

A REAL BANK IN A REAL TOWN IS TO BE SAID OF THE F. AND M. BANK HERE

What denotes more prosperity and advancement than a statement given out by the Farmers and Merchants Bank in this issue? The deposits of this bank show an increase of almost double of those of 1921 and they continue to increase. The Farmers and Merchants has the distinction of being the largest bank in Martin County, and of the rank of the leading banks of the eastern part of the state. Since its establishment it has enjoyed a sound and steady growth, giving the best of service along with its studies.

With its present staff of officers it will continue, no doubt, to be enlarged and serve the people of this and neighboring counties.

COAST LINE OFFERS BEST ACCOMMODATIONS

ATLANTIC COAST LINE TRAIN STOPS FOR BABY'S SHOES

We have lived so fast for years that we feel that we cannot afford to wait a minute for anything short of a case of life or death. Street cars have pulled away with passengers with one foot on and one foot off and railroad trains speed away with panting passengers almost ahoid of the hand rail, and so everything has moved along like clock work for several years.

However, the light of ye olden days may again be dawning, and it was the good old A. C. L. that is first showing signs of it. Last week as its morning train slowed down, came to a full stop and let off one of its passengers, a colored woman, to run a few blocks down one of the streets of the town to get a pair of the baby's shoes that she had forgotten to pack in her grip. She came back in a hurry, the bell sounded, the whistle tooted and the train moved on and nobody was none the worse off, so it happened.

This reminds us of one of the good old days when one asked how long would the train stop at the next station and he was told that depended on the toughness of the beef or how hot the coffee was. This is just about the same thing as waiting for a woman to get her apparel together, for what is lower than a woman? The Captain needs honorable mention, for there are few of that type now a days.

JOE DAVID COREY DIES AT HIS HOME

DEATH CAUSED FROM PNEUMONIA; WAS ONLY DEFENDENCE OF FAMILY

Monday after a week's illness with pneumonia Joe David Corey died at his home near Smithwick's Creek. Mr. Corey was 34 years old and the son of Kinchin Corey and Sallie A. Corey. His father a Civil War veteran and his aged mother with a blind sister, could seem to increase the sadness of the case to see the only member of a family who is not practically helpless taken away. He will be buried here afternoon at the Tree grave yard.

Pneumonia has become somewhat an epidemic in that section of the county. A large number of people have had it and several have died.

LOCAL NEWS OF BEAVER DAM

Messrs. W. A. Burroughs, Alonzo Wynn, Ira Pead and Marvin Pead motored to Washington Thursday.

Mr. John Cullipher was the guest of Miss Hilda Burroughs Saturday evening.

Mr. Elmer Chession motored to Everetts to attend to business Friday. Master Julian Raynor spent Saturday night with Master Spud Burroughs.

Messrs. Haywood Rogers, Lester Rogers, Minga Rogers and Ira Pead motored to Washington Saturday.

Mr. Billie Cullipher motored to Williamston Friday on business.

Mr. Minga Rogers, of Williamston, spent the week end with his parents.

School opened at Burroughs School Wednesday morning with a good attendance.

Mrs. Sylvester Raynor spent Sunday morning with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Burroughs.

Messrs. Minga Rogers and Lester Rogers motored to Bear Grass Monday morning.

Messrs. G. B. Simpson and Dennis Simpson went to Williamston yesterday on business.

JURY LIST FOR SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

Special Term of Court To Last Two Weeks; Civil Cases Only

Following is a list of the jury men selected for the special term of Superior Court to be held for two weeks beginning February 4th.

A. C. Brown, I. D. Gardner, Andrew A. Simon, E. Corey, Jas. L. Coltrane, S. J. Lilley, Joseph L. Coltrane, Nathan Rogers, C. H. Cowan, H. B. Taylor, Walter H. Bennett, V. A. Robertson, Arch Griffin, S. G. Andrews, W. E. Roberson, R. A. Edmondson, G. R. Haislip, G. R. Haislip.

Arthur E. Lilley, L. R. Gardner, C. C. Sexton, J. S. Jones, Joe E. Griffin, John W. Bailey, C. W. Keith, W. C. Manning, A. R. White, Gordon L. Bailey, J. W. Wynn, J. W. Hardy, J. A. Roebuck, Jr., M. E. Smith, Dennis Price, W. M. Green, G. D. Grimes, J. L. Ballard for the second week.

FIRE DESTROYS TRINITY CHURCH

DAMAGE AT SCOTLAND NECK IS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000; INSURANCE \$15,000

Scotland Neck, N. C., Jan. 7.—Fire believed to have started from a defective furnace caused the destruction here yesterday afternoon of Trinity Episcopal church. The loss is estimated at \$30,000 with \$15,000 insurance.

The fire which had evidently been burning for some time, was discovered about 4 o'clock. None of the church furnishings were saved except some of the altar linen and some of the hangings. These were in a chest in the vestry room and were saved by Miss Laura Clark and James L. Josey.

Destroyed in the fire was the valuable pipe organ, installed seven years ago, and half dozen or more new memorial windows.

The church which was completed in 1887, was built after the destruction of a fire forty years ago of Old Trinity church, near here.

ITEMS OF THE TOWN

Miss Martha Harrison left Monday morning for Wilson to resume her duties at Atlantic Christian College.

Mr. James Griffin left Sunday morning for Chapel Hill.

Miss Eloise Bridgers of Windsor returned here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. B. A. Townsend, Jr., buyer on the local tobacco market arrived Monday afternoon from Keyville, where he has been visiting the holidays.

Mr. Ed James, of Robersonville, a business visitor here yesterday.

Mr. Durward Everett, of Robersonville was a visitor in our town yesterday.

Miss Martha Anderson left Sunday morning for Greensboro where she will continue her studies at Greensboro College.

Mr. James Cooke has accepted a position with the Lindsey Ice and Fuel Company.

Miss Mary Etheridge, Ray, Mr. Charles Sawyer and Steve Kinney, of Windsor were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. F. Roebuck, of near Hamilton was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. G. M. White of the local highway department has been transferred to Washington. His many friends regret his leaving.

Mrs. W. S. Harris and Miss Sallie Harris motored to Washington this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Heydenreich arrived yesterday from Staunton, Va. where Mrs. Heydenreich has been visiting relatives. She was met by Mr. Heydenreich in Rocky Mount.

Mr. James Manning returns this afternoon for Gold Point, where he is teaching in the school there.

Miss Mary Harvey Charles, of Washington, who spent the week end with Miss Frances Williams returned to her home yesterday.

COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY

First Meeting To Be Held This Year

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session yesterday, it being the first meeting of the year. All members of the board were present, and as a whole the meeting was of much importance. The following business was placed before the board and was passed upon:

It was ordered that the payment of \$8.50 be made to Dr. B. L. Long for Grover Haislip for bridge work.

W. M. Powell was granted free pedlers license in Martin county.

By order of the board W. C. Whitely was released from the payment of taxes on \$500.00 solvent credits improperly listed.

H. I. Roebuck was released from payment of taxes on \$1000.00 solvent credits improperly listed.

Ordered that public meetings to be held by the Department of Agriculture be advertised.

The sum of \$25.00 was donated to the North Carolina Childrens Home Society.

V. R. Taylor and J. G. Barnhill were appointed to investigate the building of a bridge on the Williams-Tarboro road.

Fannie Basmore was released from the payment of \$1.00 dog tax.

Ordered by the board the J. W. Manning be released from payment of tax on \$500.00 worth of land improperly listed.

AGED COLORED WOMAN FREEZES TO DEATH SUNDAY

Lived Alone In Small Hut Near The Court House

Lizzie Sleight, an aged colored woman, died from cold at her old home one block from the court house Sunday. With the passing of "aunt" Lizzie goes another of the old landmarks of Williamston. She was of a family of free negroes and was free born, the daughter of Molegiah and Penny Keys. She was raised by the Hyman family which was one of the leading families of the town at that time. She was most eighty years old and generally held in high respect by both white and colored people.

Sunday afternoon when some of her neighbors entered her home to carry her food they found her almost in a frozen state and upon trying to warm her she died. She has lived in the little shack most all her life and alone. She has one daughter living in Springfield, Mass. Intermont will not take place until the arrival of her daughter, it is understood.

WILLIAMSTON DEFEATS AYDEN IN TBASKET BALL

WILLIAMSTON ADDS ANOTHER VICTORY AND MAKES SIX STRAIGHT; SCORE 34-23

Williamston defeated Ayden here Friday night in a fast snappy game by the score of 34 to 23. This makes a total of six won and no losses to the credit of the local town team. The game was well contested all the way through, but the score should have been much larger, for the local team was badly off in passing and the shooting was poor in several cases. Orleans and Britt led both teams in points, securing 10 points each. Haisell was next with 8 points. The individual stars for Ayden were Harrington, Prescott and Hooks.

BEAR GRASS NEWS

Messrs Gilbert Rogers and B. O. Cowan has purchased the lumber mill formerly owned by Messrs. Edmond Harris and R. A. Bailey.

We are glad to hear that Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Roebuck have returned to Bear Grass to make it their home.

Messrs. Charlie and Buck Rogerson made the music for the dancers at the county house in Griffin's township Friday night.

The local school has enrolled seventeen new pupils this week bringing the total to one hundred and twenty seven.

Mr. Ira Rogers motored to Everetts Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitehurst were in town Friday.

Mr. Wallace Whitehurst and Miss Estelle Bullock were quietly married at Elder John N. Rogers, Thursday, January 5, 1924.

Mr. Leonard Mobley was in town Thursday on business.

Mr. Burns Ward was in town Wednesday on business.