

GOOD ROADS MEET LAST NIGHT SHOWED LACK OF COOPERATION AMONG CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY

We had a large (?) meeting at the court house last night. The purpose of the meeting was the discussion of the public roads in Edgecombe county.

The Chamber of Commerce has been advertising and talking this meeting for more than a week, and seemed reasonably sure that the crowd that would be in attendance at the court house last night would make it possible to make some plans, and come to some definite conclusion as to the intention and policy of Edgecombe county in regard to its good roads.

Just to pass the time away and to relieve the monotony of the passing of time Mr. George Howard, Jr., again persuaded the big bell to take its message to the citizens of Tarboro and surrounding country.

Mr. Claud Wilson was called on by the president for a discussion of this question. Mr. Wilson was short and to the point, stating that he believed it to be absolutely impossible to build dirt roads that would stand up under the ever increasing tonnage of traffic, the year round.

Mr. Haywood Foxhall was called by the president. Mr. Foxhall stated that in his belief the hard surface road was the best road that any county could consider; but that he disagreed with Mr. Wilson to the extent that he did believe the sand clay roads could be made to stand up and give good service under even the increased tonnage of the present.

Mr. Weddell at this point gave some interesting figures as to the financial side of the question. Edgecombe county has voted bonds to the amount of \$100,000. Of this amount only \$40,000 has been sold, but the \$60,000 balance are still held because they could not be sold at par at 5 percent interest.

Weddell. "The county should have an engineer to cut the roads and give them proper drainage, and see to it that they are properly maintained. The gravel road will give good service, and when once laid properly, will assure a good, strong, solid foundation."

Col. Bridgers compared the question of public roads with the railroad system. He stated that the railroads had a system of maintenance which was kept up from day to day, and hour to hour. "It is nothing but a fool proposition to build roads and then expect them to maintain themselves," said Mr. Bridgers.

"I believe," continued Col. Bridgers, "that the sand clay road can be made to stand up under the present tonnage, but every mile of road of any variety that we build will have to have proper drainage, proper construction and proper maintenance. We do not know the value of any road until we test it properly, and the idea that a road can maintain itself is not a proper test. Maintain our roads or quit."

Mayor Hardison, spoke of the idea that our county citizens seemed to have that they were just as wise if not perhaps a little wiser than those citizens in other counties. We were too wise to sink our work in such undertakings as Rocky Mount, Wilson, Washington and other cities in our section of the state," said the mayor.

Mr. Hardison here introduced Mr. Smith, road expert from Maryland, who for some six years has been connected with the State Road Commission in that state. Mr. Smith spoke upon the merits of the sand clay and the hard surface roads, stating that it had been proven in Maryland that the sand clay road was what might be termed a nine months road. He urged the laying of hard surface roads as the cheapest investment in the long run.

Secretary Shackell here gave some interesting figures showing the value of cars licensed in Edgecombe county for 1920, the depreciation for one year, and the actual lossage to the automobile owner for the year.

"The county has 2,800 automobiles to the value of \$3,360,000 licensed this year," said Mr. Shackell. "The depreciated amount of bad roads is 25 percent or \$840,000. Should the county vote a \$3,000,000 bond issue the interest on this amount for one year would be \$180,000, with a refunding of \$120,000. At this rate the actual lossage, not including tires, tubes, gas, etc., is \$540,000. This is not the fault of the roads force. It is the fault of the material on our roads. It is worn out, absolutely rotten, no good. In reality the actual lossage to the automobile owner can not be estimated. There is but one solution—good roads of the best variety. Build our main roads, which means 80 miles in our county, and then the side roads.

POISONS CHILDREN CUTS OWN THROAT

Postmistress at Lupton, N. C., Demented Over Alleged Shortage in Accounts

Morehead City, April 24.—Demented because of an alleged shortage in her accounts Mrs. Neva Gaskill Spencer, aged 24, postmistress at Lupton, this county, poisoned her two children Thursday morning, drank a quantity herself and then tried to hurry death by slashing her throat. The three were brought to the Morehead City hospital, the youngest child, Mildred, age four died Friday morning. The mother's death is expected hourly. Edward age seven, will pull through.

A concoction of Coca-Cola and lye was served to the children by the mother who made use of it herself, then cut her throat with a butcher knife, a gash clear across the neck to the bone being made.

Miss Agnes McLaughlin Winner County Contest

Miss Mary Wooten is a proud teacher today. Miss Agnes McLaughlin is the cause of it all. Last night at the county piano contest, Miss McLaughlin won first place, the judges, Mrs. Frank Foxhall of Greenville, Miss Read of Enfield and Mr. Rob Rawls of Tarboro, voted two to one in her favor.

There was a large crowd present at the school auditorium, and each contestant was roundly applauded as she left the stage. Too much can not be said in praise of every one of the contestants. It was no easy matter for the judges to render the final decision, but the vote went to Miss McLaughlin, and Miss Wooten, her teacher is especially proud as a result.

Special mention may be made of every contestant with all honest sincerity. Miss Wooten will chaperone Miss McLaughlin to Greensboro on Friday, May 7, where the state piano contest will be held. Tarboro is anxious to see the state decision come to its representative, and Edgecombe county is also backing Miss McLaughlin.

SPECIAL MEETING CONCERN LODGE NO. 58, A. F. & A. M.

There will be a special meeting of Concord Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M., on Monday p. m. 8 o'clock, April 26th. Work in the M. M. Degree. No regular meeting will be held on Tuesday p. m. for reason of Murphy Howell concert, as many of the brethren wish to attend.

By orders of W. M. J. H. Jacobs, Secretary.

LITTLE S. R. JENKINS, JR.

Little S. R. Jenkins, Jr., the six-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jenkins of near Pinetops, died at his home yesterday.

We are now driving business to other cities that we should have because the farmer has good roads to go into the other cities upon. We cannot estimate the loss."

President Brown—"People who knock our roads the hardest are those who are not present tonight. I would suggest that the Chamber of Commerce as a whole act as a publicity committee, and set to work at once to assure a large meeting some time in the future. We should give a dinner and have everyone there, and then take up the discussion and formation of plans for our good roads."

M. G. Mann here moved that the secretary of the Chamber be instructed to obtain, if possible, from the State Department the names of all the car owners in the county, and to ascertain from these owners their willingness, or otherwise, for a good roads bond issue, and what they would be willing to contribute or be taxed per annum for good roads. The motion was seconded by Col. Bridgers and unanimously carried.

To the Chamber of Commerce there is due a great deal of credit for the work they are doing, but they are being backed by only a few, and those few represent but a small minority of the membership of the organization. The lack of cooperation in any undertaking that the secretary of the local Chamber has worked upon to date is enough to discourage any man in as responsible a position as Mr. Shackell holds. He is doing his best for his city, county and organization, but he is receiving about as much help, aid and encouragement as a Mexican rebel in a Texas town. He can not do it all. No business can be run without cooperation, and there is no great amount of it being showered upon the secretary of the Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce.

TODAY'S NEWS OF TARBORO 20 YEARS AGO

The Grand council of the Royal Arcanum meets in Salisbury this week.

The new cigarette factory of Wilson is doing good business. It is reported that this factory has sold the output for six months in advance.

The fact that Tarboro will soon have another knitting mill in the near future is attracting the outside world. Tarboro stands today as one of our most progressive and wide-awake towns. It will not be long before another cotton mill is in operation here. Watch this prediction.

It begins to look now as if the boys will get up the brass band, to which reference was made some time ago in this paper. The band will number ten men. An effort is now being made to obtain instruments. Judging from those who have consented to join the band, it will not be long before the boys will be playing. Let our people help the boys.

Tobacco selling will commence this week around here. Plants are pushing the canvass.

Miss Sarah Gorham's school closed Friday and the boys gave a party Friday night at Dr. C. L. Kilbrew's.

The weather was very threatening Sunday but Pleasant Hill had a large turnout just the same.

St. Patrick "Speedway"

"St. Patrick street, now known as 'St. Patrick Speedway,'" is now open from the Presbyterian church to Mr. McClure's residence. This street has been adopted by a large number of children as a play ground, and it is but fair to ask all motorists to be careful of the children on this newly opened and tempting speedway.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Fire On The Altar." Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p. m. Topic: "Christian Principles in Personal and Public Health." The pastor will preach at the morning service, and there will be no service in the evening.

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH

Sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a. m. Evangelistic services in Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. 3 p. m., sermon for men and boys. 5 p. m., sermon for women. 8 p. m., sermon. All of these services will be held in the church. The public is invited.

To The Movie Patrons

To patrons of the Opera House: You will be interested to know that on Monday, I will show at the Opera House, the finest and most remarkable picture ever put on the screen. It is the story of "Les Miserables," Victor Hugo's masterpiece with William Farnum. "Les Miserables," the greatest epic and dramatic work of fiction ever created or conceived, the epic of a soul figured and redeemed, purified by heroism and glorified through suffering, the tragedy and comedy of life at its brightest of humanity at its best and at its worst. In other words, it is a drama of life. Respectfully, P. L. McCabe.

ACTORS EQUITY ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

New York, April 24.—John Emerson has been nominated for the presidency of the Actors Equity Association, which won the strike against the managers last summer, according to an announcement by the nominating committee of that organization yesterday. Wilton Lackaye was nominated as vice-president, Grant Stewart as recording secretary, and Richard A. Purdy as treasurer. The tenure of office is one year.

More than 2,000 croupiers and other employes are on the payroll of the company which operates the famous gambling casino at Monte Carlo.

A full-dress uniform for an English cabinet minister is said to cost from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars.

—Mrs. A. T. Nicholson spent yesterday with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Hill in Wilson, whose little daughter is very sick.

LOCAL MARKSMAN FINALLY LOSES TO CHARLOTTE GUNNER

E. A. Morson Beats J. Pennington By One Lone Target At State Shoot

MOREHEAD CITY GUNNER WINS AMATEUR TROPHY

Pinehurst, April 24.—E. A. Morson, of Charlotte, renewed his lease on the State trapshooting championship title yesterday at the end of a second shoot off of a tie with J. Pennington, of Tarboro, in the championship event. Morson leading the field by a margin of 8 birds last night, was four targets ahead of Pennington at that stage of the proceedings. The Tarboro gunner came along with a rush in the morning's final 100, however, and managed to tie Morson at the finish by breaking his last 44 targets straight shooting in a high wind.

The shoot off was a regular AL-phonse and Gaston affair. Pennington missed his tenth bird and Morson said, "thank you" and missed his eleventh. Then the Charlotte man took the initiative and missed his fifteenth and Pennington reciprocated on his sixteenth. They were still tied at the end of the first shoot off and a second 50 was used up before Morson finally clinched the victory by a margin of one bird.

The American trapshooting association trophy for the high gunner of the Carolina amateur in the Carolina handicap hundred shot in the afternoon was won by W. H. Webb, of Morehead City, who broke 91 from the 18 yard line. Albert E. Kroehle, of Cleveland, also broke 91 from the 21 yard line. These two gunners led the entire amateur and professional field. None of the other amateurs finished better than 88; W. T. Leslie, the Charlotte professional, led the strong pro-field at 90, shooting from 21 yards.

Paul Earle, the South Carolina expert who registered an unbroken run of Thursday, won the trophy offered for the handicap 100 combined.

Earle's winning total was 378 out of the 400. A 25-target event, staged under Olympic rules, was won by Robert L. Pittman, of Tarboro, who led the field with 20 breaks. The following is a complete list of the North Carolina guns taking part in the State championship and handicap shoots with the total score made in each event: H. A. Morson, 280, 20-yard 82; J. B. Pennington, 280 (20), 86; Dr. J. P. Dreher, 274 (18), 78; Roland Pittman, 274 (19), 79; W. L. Pefner, 272 (19), 79; W. M. Webb, 269 (18), 91; R. C. Pittman, 268 (18), 77; J. M. Morehead, 265 (19), 82; U. A. Underwood, 263 (18), 86; Robert L. Pittman, 257 (18), 79; E. B. Taylor, 256 (18), 86; J. Lindsay Morehead, 255 (17), 79; J. H. Longfellow, 220 (17), 76; W. J. Eason, 205 (16), 72; W. L. Robins, 205 (18), 85.

State professionals: William F. Hall, Concord, 269 (18), 78; W. P. Laalie, Charlotte, 266 (21), 90; C. O. LeCompte, Asheville, 246 (21), 90.

PERSONALS

—H. G. Alley of Petersburg, Va., is visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rowe.

—Miss Mary Alice Cobb of near Pinetops, was a Tarboro visitor today.

—W. N. Horton of Norfolk, is spending the week-end here.

—Jno. Hardisty of Atlanta, is spending several days with his sister, Mrs. W. G. Clark, on his way to Washington and New York.

—The Misses Margaret and Minnie McCluer of Tarboro, will take part in "The Forest Princess," a fairy masque to be produced on May 4th in the Woodland Theatre at Flora Macdonald College. The entire cast numbers eighty students. Special orchestral music will be a feature of the program.

—Dr. Rondthaler will visit the Tarboro branch of the Salem Academy and College Alumni Association, on Monday, April 26. The association will be entertained by Mrs. Geo. Fountain at her home at 3:30. All members are cordially invited to attend.

—The Magazine Club was beautifully entertained by Mrs. Haywood Foxhall at her home on Park Avenue Thursday afternoon.

—Mrs. Mabrey Hart and children left yesterday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barbee in Raleigh.

—Mrs. Rena Harding and Miss Bettie Hoyt of Washington were guests of Mrs. W. S. Clark yesterday.

THE SOUTHERNER'S SATURDAY SERMON

The Rev. Father Duffy Will Bring a Blessing To The Community

(By Rev. B. E. Brown) The sermon today shall be about the Rev. Father Gavon Duffy, who is going to preach in Calvary church for eight days, beginning tomorrow morning.

Personally, I myself am hoping for and confidently expecting a very good blessing in my spiritual life from the visit of this good man, and I long to share it with everybody in this town and whole community. Father Duffy was going back to New York from New Orleans, and for that reason I was able to get him here, his engagements permitting him to stop over with us for one week. He belongs to an order called the Society of the Divine Compassion, the members under the first rule of which are priests sworn to lives of perpetual poverty, celibacy and obedience. These men's lives are devoted by the rules of their order to hard, self-denying labor among the poor and sick and outcast.

They have given up for Christ's dear sake, all that men naturally desire, the pleasures of the luxuries money can buy, the joys of home, the gratification of ambition, the association with people congenial to their minds and tastes. They cannot own or spend for themselves one cent of money, nor get in any way from life anything more than the bare necessities of food and clothes and shelter. If one of them were to find a nickel on the road, he would have to turn it over to the treasury of the order to be used for Christ's sake among needy men. They cannot even ask any man for money to be used in charitable work, but must ask God for it alone, trusting that He will move those who have it to share it with those who need it. If God puts it into the heart of any to give him money to be used in God's cause, he accepts it and as used it, but as a matter of course it does not personally interest him how much or how little it may be. Such voluntary submission to conditions men by nature fear and dread, does not win respect from the great majority. So deeply ingrained is the love of money and the things money can buy, that it is sure to seem to most men either foolishness or some kind of fake. But here and there are always a chosen few who have learned the life of Jesus well enough to understand.

From years of work among sinful people, both rich and poor, in the crowded streets of great cities and all other the land, and from daily and hourly contemplation of the nature of God as revealed in His dealings with men, such men come to know how to show us the way to God. So I hope we may be blessed by his visit here. Father Duffy has also been peculiarly endowed with the gift of healing by God's power. If any afflicted people among us have faith enough in God, or if their friends have it, to seek His healing grace through the aid of one whom God has gifted in this way, I certainly advise them to take advantage of the opportunity. Those who have no faith in God, need not from curiosity take up the good man's time.

I would like to say, in conclusion, that the Mission of Father Duffy and the meeting at the Methodist church coming at the same time was unavoidable. At no other time was it possible to get the preachers here. Mr. Earnhardt and I talked the matter over and decided that there ought to be plenty of people to fill both churches, and that both efforts going on at the same time ought to have the strength of a united effort, and so be more blessed of God.

Leggett Girls' Club

The girls of Leggetts had their regular meeting at Leggett's school on Friday, April 23, at which time they took up the study of Fats. They assisted the Home Demonstration Agent with a demonstration in Frying in Deep Fat, making banana croquettes. After the short demonstration they took up the planning of meals. The girls planned the menu for a dinner that they are planning to serve at an early date. The Leggetts' girls are showing an interest in flower gardens as well as vegetable gardens this year.

MISS SALLIE MING DEAD

Died at her home in Mildred, N. C., at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, Miss Sally Ming, one of the oldest residents of that community. Had she lived until the 20th of May she would have reached her 91st birthday.

ROSENBLUM-LEVY COMPLETE BIG DEAL IN WINSTON-SALEM

Mercantile Company Adds House of Fletcher Brothers To Its Chain

DEAL COMPLETED AT TWIN CITY THURSDAY

J. Rosenbaum, secretary of the Rosenbloom-Levy Stores returned yesterday from Winston-Salem, where he was chief representative for the company in closing one of the largest mercantile business deals that the state has recorded for some time past. The Fletcher Brothers Company of the Twin City was purchased by the Rosenbloom-Levy company and will be added to its chain of stores in the state.

The Rosenbloom-Levy company of Tarboro, has for almost forty years been among the leading mercantile houses of this city. It has built up a reputation of good business, strength and reliability, and has gained the confidence of its large patronage by its untiring efforts to at all times give not only quality in its goods and sales, but at the same time satisfaction in every detail from the very smallest transaction to the largest.

The reputation and business that the local company has built up may well be envied by even larger houses throughout the state. Where customers are always satisfied, and where time honored tradition speaks only in the highest terms of any business then there is splendid foundation for the good will of the public toward that business, and the local store of the Rosenbloom-Levy company has each of these.

There is always a clerk at the disposal of the customer, even on the most crowded days. The service is at all times polite, and the desire to please and give satisfaction has drawn the steady patronage of all classes and races to the portals and counters of the local store.

Below we print in full the report of the transaction which has just been completed by the company with the former Fletcher Brothers house in Winston-Salem:

The retail stores of Fletcher Bros., on Trade street, have been sold to the Rosenbloom, Levy Company, a merchandising organization of splendid financial strength, with head offices at Tarboro. The new concern for Winston-Salem has purchased the entire stocks and good will of the retail interests of Fletcher Brothers, and will continue the business under the same policy established and maintained by Mr. N. G. Fletcher for the past twenty-two years. It is stated that the entire personnel of sales-people and office force will remain with the new firm.

The Rosenbloom, Levy Company began business in Tarboro about thirty years ago, and have done a successful business; branching out until large stores are operated successfully in Tarboro, Rocky Mount, New Freedom, Pa., Frederick, Md., Washington and Baltimore. In addition to these retail stores, members of the firm also conduct manufacturing enterprises, producing ladies' ready-to-wear, men's dress shirts and overalls. They manufacture the Blue Ridge overalls at Roanoke, Va., with the other lines of manufacture in Baltimore.

Mr. S. Rosenbloom, of Baltimore, is president; S. Levy, of Baltimore, vice-president; Mr. J. Rosenbaum, of Tarboro, secretary and treasurer. Mr. J. A. Rosenbaum, of Rocky Mount, is director of the company. Mr. B. A. Levin, formerly connected with one of the eastern Carolina stores, has been transferred to Winston-Salem as manager of the local store.

Mr. N. C. Fletcher, who has been active in the management of the retail division of Fletcher Brothers, retires after twenty-two years of successful merchandising, to devote his time to the wholesale and manufacturing interests of his company. The business secured by the Rosenbloom, Levy Company is one of the oldest, best established and most widely known retail clothing and furnishing stores in this section. Having been acquired by an equally well known and successful firm in the eastern part of the state, the new management announces that the high standard of stocks and service to patrons will be maintained in the future.

The new deal was consummated yesterday and today the new management is in charge. Messrs. Rosenbloom, Levy and Rosenbaum, members of the firm, left this morning for their homes. They spent the morning looking over the city and were most favorably impressed by evidences of industry and progress.