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Office As PIE

Madison County has been well served in the last years by those who are in office. Books have been well kept and the business transacted in a way that reflects credit upon the men who are in the Court-House because of the up-to-date methods and the quick service. No business house has been better managed than has the county business by those who were elected at the last election.

However some seem to think that the men are elected for what they get out of it and not to serve the public. In other words some one wants pie.

The man or woman who thinks of office as pie counter is not worthy of a single vote from those who want their business done in an efficient way.

No bank would turn off the cashier who had run the bank in a business way because he had the place for eight years saying that he has had the salary long enough and that some one else had better have the salary for a time. Men would not trust such an institution one moment.

A business house would not turn off a manager because he has been with them for a term of years. If he had made good they would hold him. A new man might do as well but he is untried.

If the new man should come to them saying that he wanted the place because the employee had it long enough he would be laughed out of the office.

What Madison County needs and has had for a few years is efficiency in office and not pie. If we go back to the idea that office is pie, we are saying that the county should give a living to some man and serve him. What the County needs is to be served and to reward a faithful servant and hold on to him.

It is not the voter that is back of the counter dishing out pie. It is the officer who is behind the counter handing out service to us who elect him for that. We the voters are not selling anything. We are employing a man to work for us, and we want the best man possible.

The farmer will not turn off a good laborer because he has been with him for a long time just because some one comes along and asks the man to turn the tried laborer off so as to employ him.

The time has come for the voters of the county to forget the word pie as applied to county affairs and demand efficiency in conduct of business and when we have it to keep it as a jewel of great value, nor trade it at any price.

Madison County has the reputation at the present time of being one of the best and most up-to-date counties in the State along business lines and the management of its affairs. It is because we left the idea of pie and put in men who can run the affairs in a business way.

Public office is a public trust and to caricature it as a pie counter is to belittle our political life and the business of the county.

A Voter.

Second hand household furniture for sale. See R. N. Ramsey. Will sell cheap.—Mrs. Hattie Bryan.

Marshall Woman Buys School Bonds

Mrs. Roberta Rogers Purchases \$12,000 Issue for Turkey Creek Consolidated School District.

Board of county commissioners at Monday's session passed a resolution ordering the sale of \$12,000 worth of bonds for the Turkey Creek consolidated public school district. It became known yesterday that arrangements have been made, whereby the county board of education has also authorized the sale of the bonds to Miss Roberta Rogers, of Marshall, N. C. The bonds are to bear six per cent interest and will be in denominations of \$500 each; both principal and interest being payable at the Bank of French Broad at Marshall and will bear the date of January 1st, 1922.

It is further resolved that there shall be levied and collected annually at the time other taxes are levied and collected a special tax on all the taxable property in the school district of sufficient rate and amount to pay the interest on said bonds as it becomes due and the principal thereof at maturity.

The proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be used for the erection of a modern school house with up-to-date equipment.

PRESS ARTICLE

There were 114 people convicted for violations of quarantine laws in North Carolina during the last 12 months for failure to report cases, removing quarantine placards, not dropping silver nitrate solution in babies' eyes and not obeying the compulsory smallpox vaccination law in counties which have such a law.

It is not desired by either local or state officials to take people into court, but it is the sworn duty of the quarantine officer to enforce the quarantine laws just as it is the duty of the sheriff to carry out those governing his duties.

That law enforcement is a means to get people to comply with health laws has been proven by Dr. J. A. Morris of Oxford. His county board of health passed a compulsory vaccination law. Much opposition was met in one school district, but after eighteen were haled before a magistrate one day and fined every one has favored smallpox vaccination in Granville County.

The State Board of Health has advised the county quarantine officers that they are expected to see that the laws are observed, especially as to reporting cases and keeping quarantine.

REMEMBER, if I prosecute any one I am not to blame!

Yours very truly,
Frank Roberts,
Quarantine Officer.

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An Act to Amend Chapter 401, Public-Local Laws, North Carolina, Session 1919, Relative to The Highway or Road Commissioners of Madison County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That section forty-two, forty-three and forty-four and forty-seven of chapter four hundred and one, Public-Local Laws, North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and nineteen be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 2. That said chapter four hundred and one, Public-Local Laws, North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and nineteen be amended by adding at the end of said chapter the following provisions:

"1. That at the time the county commissioners of Madison County make the levy for county and other taxes they shall levy a special tax for bridge purposes in said county of Madison of not less than five cents, on the one hundred dollars nor more than ten cents, observing the constitutional equation on the poll.

"2. That the said Madison county highway commission shall meet within thirty days after the ratification of this act and proceed to elect or employ a competent man whose duty it shall be to devote his entire time to having the roads in Madison County put in as good repair as the circumstances will admit considering the amount of money on hand to be spent and shall look after laying out new roads and have general supervision of the road work in Madison County. He shall be paid such sum in monthly installments as the said highway commission may deem expedient and to the best interests of the county. He shall hold his position at the pleasure of the said highway commission. He shall make reports of his work as is provided for in said chapter four hundred and one, Public-Local Laws session one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and he shall have all the powers provided for in said chapter. He shall have power to employ overseers or supervisors to work the free labor on the public roads to which such labor may be assigned as may be deemed to be the best interests and advisable. He shall keep a strict account of all money spent by him and report to the highway commission at least once each month. The secretary of the said highway commission shall prepare each month a summary of the money on hand for each township, and a summary statement of the amount of money spent, if any, on the roads in each township, which shall be posted. The said highway commission shall not be required to post an itemized statement but shall be required to post a summary as herein provided.

"3. That the said highway commission shall meet once every three months unless they are called to meet oftener by the chairman. The said commissioners shall receive as compensation for their services five dollars per day for each regular session and three dollars per day for extra sessions of meetings. That the chairman of the said highway commission shall devote at least one entire day on an average of at least two days in each month and oftener if he may deem it necessary for the best interests of road work in the said county of Madison, but his entire per diem for such work shall not exceed two hundred and sixty dollars in one year, including reasonable expenses.

"4. That the said highway commission on the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, shall make a full report of all matters then pending before said commission to the county commissioners of said county of Madison and shall turn over all property in their hands belonging to the county to the county commissioners for Madison County, at which time the said highway commission shall cease to exist and on and after the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, the county commissioners of Madison County shall be vested fully and completely with all the powers and duties now imposed and which are herein imposed in the said highway commission.

"5. That if the State Highway Commission, shall locate certain roads or highways in the said county of Madison to be taken over by the said highway commission for the purpose of maintaining or hard-surfacing or making dependable and to be under the control of said highway commission it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of said county of Madison and they are hereby empowered to act with the said county highway commission in passing upon and assisting the State Highway Commission, in regard to what particular roads or highways shall be taken over as aforesaid by the State Highway Commission in compliance with the laws of North Carolina relative to state-wide highways and the State Highway Commission.

"6. That it shall be the duty of the said Madison County Highway commission and of the county commissioners of said county, when they shall be vested with the powers and duties provided for in this act, to confer with the State Highway Commission as much as may be practicable in matters pertaining to the roads of the county and in all matters that may be to the best interest of the road system in the county."

Section 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act and these amendments be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.
Ratified this the 8th day of March, A. D. 1921.

Ministers to Meet at Mars Hill Soon

Baptist Preachers to Hold Next Monthly Gathering at College —Rev. Dr. Bateman to Speak.

Buncombe County Baptist Ministers conference will hold its next regular monthly meeting with the preachers of the French Broad association at Mars Hill, on Monday, April 10, this decision having been reached at a session of the local organization at the First Baptist church yesterday morning. One of the features of the April meeting will be the address by Rev. Dr. Robert J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist church to the students of the college, his subject to be announced later.

At yesterday's session after singing and prayer, Rev. J. W. Crowe, of West Asheville, discussed "The Function of the Local churches." He was followed by Rev. J. C. Bennett and Rev. N. R. Phillips, of Barnardsville, who talked on "Deacons of the Church." Among other speakers were Rev. W. N. Martin, of the West Buncombe association and Rev. J. H. McCurry, of Corinth. J. H. Grogg, president of the Buncombe County Sunday School association, spoke on duties of the laymen. A special selection was rendered by the Sebrun quartett.

One of the features of the afternoon session, was the address of Rev. Dr. W. H. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Black Mountain Baptist church. He spoke on "The Preacher With a Kingdom Vision" The need of more missionaries with a kingdom vision was stressed by Rev. David Bryan, who has been in China for seven years and is now home on a furlough.—Asheville Citizen.

Now Time to Spray Your Fruit Trees.

Are you planning to spray your fruit trees? One of the most important sprays applied to fruit trees is the dormant or winter spray. Do not neglect to apply this spray before the buds open in the spring. The winter spray controls the San Jose scale, the most serious pest of fruit trees in the North State. This spray is also effective against other insects that may be hibernating in the bark of the trees.

It is necessary that this spray be applied during the winter months, when the leaves are gone and the trees are dormant, because a spray of sufficient strength to kill these hardy little pests would, if applied at any other season, burn the foliage and injure the young growing shoots.

Examine and repair your spray machinery and secure your material now. Do not delay, as it might be impossible to get the necessary parts or material from your local dealer, thus causing a delay which might be fatal to your orchard or your fruit crop the coming year.

Insure your fruit crop from insect and disease injury by a thorough and well timed spraying program.—Extension Farm News.

Jury Gives Sum To Defendant.

Man Charged With Larceny Pleads Guilty to Offense And Goes Free.

Juries are not always stern and judges cold and deliberate in the letter of the law. This is the theory of Arthur Ray of the North Buncombe section. Ray pleaded guilty to stealing a hen and six eggs when his case came before Judge Thomas J. Shaw in superior court during the past week.

Instead of a road term Ray walked out of the court room with \$15.35 more than he had when the trial started. The jurors, evincing emotion, went down in their pockets and took up a collection. Others in the court room added dimes and nickles to the fund. Judge Shaw suspended judgement for a period of two years and ordered that no cost be taxed.

Ray's story was simple and direct and reached in under the law and found mercy. Work? There was none to be had. The cupboard was bare. More so than Mother Hubbard's, for there was a wife, mother-in-law and three small children hungry. Old Mother Hubbard only had a dog.

Daily the dependants were growing thin and thinner for the lack of food. Neighbors refused to assist. In despair Ray visited an outlying hen house of a neighbor and made away with a hen and six eggs.

Mercy did not end with the court. Deputy sheriff gave Ray a job at his home in West Asheville at a figure sufficient to buy several hens a day for his family.

Ray pleaded his case simply and directly, and it had its effect.

Records Show Activity of The 66th Congress

Huge Number of Bills Offered Result in Small Number of Laws Enacted

Analysis of the proceedings of the Sixty-sixth Congress discloses the fact that during its session 16,239 public bills were introduced in the house and more than 5,000 in the senate. In addition, 481 joint resolutions were introduced. As a result, 470 new laws became part of the national statutes, not including 124 private bills which were enacted.

The facts answer the criticism sometimes aimed at the press by Congress that it fails adequately to report the activities of the national legislature and certainly provide food for thought for those critics of Congress who say it is not sufficiently active.

Many members of the national legislature are alive to waste of time and effort involved in the mere presentation of so many bills, few of which can ever receive consideration or be made into law. The physical limitations of hours in a day and days in a session should, they contend be considered and some means found to make it possible to decrease the large number of bills presented. Large as the number above quoted is, it is less than that of some previous years, which, as the country is growing is in itself an indication that the vast majority of bills offered are unnecessary and an obstruction to vital legislation.