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TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MEET IN REGULAR SESSION FRIDAY NIGHT.

Splendid Reports Received—Only Small Amounts of Business—Increase in Water and Lights Rents.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on last Friday night with Commissioners Hicks, Allen and Wheelers present. The mayor presided and after reading and approving the minutes of the previous meetings the following business was disposed of:

The report of J. C. Tucker, Chief of Police, was received and ordered filed. He reports costs \$19.10, rents \$15.00 license \$40.00.

Report of A. W. Alston both for water and lights and taxes, was received and ordered filed. He reports as follows: Old taxes collected \$306.76; current taxes \$567.35; Lights and Water rents \$857.35; uncollected \$3.35. The water and lights rents show an increase over the same month in 1912 of \$204.05.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

The Baptist Church.

The pastor will conduct public worship Sunday 11 a. m. There will be no services at the Baptist church Sunday night. Messengers from this church who expect to attend the Baptist State Convention, which meets in Shelby next week, beginning Monday night, are Messrs. Thos. B. Wilder, Ivey Allen and Walter M. Gilmore. They will return the latter part of next week.

Rev. I. W. Swopes, former pastor in this city, but now pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby, will be the host of the convention.

Town Taxes.

Town Clerk A. W. Alston, furnishes us with the following information from the town tax books showing the amount of taxes due the town for the year 1913:

Total valuation of real estate	\$564,135.00
Total valuation of personal property	577,774.00
Total tax valuation	\$1,141,909.00
Property tax—\$1 on the \$100	\$11,419.09
305 polls at \$3.00	915.00
Total taxes	\$12,334.09

Bazaar.

The ladies of the Episcopal church held a delightful and profitable bazaar at the home of Mrs. T. W. Bickett on Wednesday afternoon. The bazaar was opened at 10:30 and seldom is such a display of fine hand made articles ever seen.

The articles were many useful and handsome. By the middle of the evening everything had been sold and it was found their net receipts amounted to \$110.00.

Cortright Metal Shingle Roofing.

We hope our readers have been noticing the advertising of the Cortright Metal Roofing Company, which has appeared in our columns regularly since early this year, and that any of those interested in high grade, substantial roofing have gotten in touch with the Company's local agent, Mr. M. Frank Houck.

Cortright Metal Shingles have been in use for more than a quarter of a century and are giving splendid satisfaction everywhere.

Reception at College.

On Wednesday night, November 26, a reception was given by the Wesley Bible Class to the students and faculty of the Louisburg College.

All enjoyed the Thanksgiving feast of fruits, nuts and candies. There was also music, fun and frolic in plenty. On the following morning the girls and faculty were highly pleased at receiving a fifteen pound box of Huyler's Bon-Bons, but upon the opening of the box, much merriment was caused on beholding a beautiful array of many colored "stick candies." However, the girls say it was "awfully good" and a few boxes of "Norrises" made up for all momentary feelings of disappointment.

Circle Meets With Miss Cook.

The Study Circle Club of the Young Woman's Missionary Society met in joint session with the Philathea Class of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening with Miss Eleanor Cook.

The topic of discussion was the first chapter of "Allens or Americans." The

discussion was led by Miss Sue Alston, followed by an open discussion by the other members of these societies.

Miss Julia Barow delighted the guests with her music, and Misses Cook and Mecum pleasantly rendered several duets and solos after which chocolates and wafers were served, and the circle adjourned to meet a month later with Miss Virginia Foster.

Weldon-Jones.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following invitation:

Mr. W. A. Jones requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of his daughter May to

Mr. Ollie Jones Weldon on Thursday evening, December twenty-fifth at eight-thirty o'clock Piney Grove Church Franklin County, North Carolina. The bride to be is a daughter of our esteemed countyman, Mr. W. A. Jones, and is a young lady of splendid attainments. She is deservedly popular among a host of friends whose good wishes will be heartily extended.

The groom is one of Franklin's popular and successful young planters and has numbers of friends among whom he is justly popular.

House Warming.

There was a reception and house warming at the Louisburg College on Thanksgiving afternoon.

The new furnace was in excellent order and every one was warm and happy. This occasion was taken by the friends and patrons of the college to send in donations to help in the furnishing of the new portion of the college.

The guests were met in the hall by Miss Mabel Davis and ushered into the parlor where delightful fruit punch was served by Miss Mildred Yarborough and Mr. Weldon Egerton. From there the guests went into the auditorium where many beautiful and valuable presents were displayed. Then the college as a whole was turned over to the guests for inspection. The annex is large and beautiful. The infirmary especially deserves mention. It is well equipped and in charge of a competent trained nurse.

After the long tour of halls and many stairs the guests entered the dining room and were refreshed by a steaming cup of coffee, wafers and cakes daintily served by Misses Eugene Deford and Lena Macon.

Justly Done.

A Mr. Boyd, of Norfolk, was fined \$10 and costs by Squire J. L. Palmer on Tuesday for insulting the lady operator in the local central here. The insult so we are informed was in the shape of profanity. It is no doubt true that at times telephones are exceedingly vexing, still we feel that any man should be able to control his temper and remain a gentleman to the ladies.

M. W. A. Meets.

The local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America met in a special meeting on last Wednesday night in Candler-Crowell Co.'s store and elected the following officers:

Council—J. W. Hollingsworth. Adviser Lieutenant—S. C. Holden. Banker—E. W. Furgurson. Clerk—J. W. King. Escort—R. W. Hudson. Sentry—E. J. Macon. Physician—Dr. J. E. Malone. Managers—P. S. Allen, F. W. Hicks and W. J. Shearin.

New Cotton Weigher.

Mr. W. Hal Mann, who was elected cotton weigher for Louisburg, entered upon his duties on Monday afternoon. As Mr. C. T. Stokes has taken his platform over for his own use, Mr. Mann has fitted up a place on the vacant lot on the west side of Main street in front of Cheatham's Stemmery. The new location although a little inconvenient to the buyer, is more satisfactory to the seller as it eliminates the lifting the cotton upon the platform as heretofore.

Cotton.

Although a little commotion was in evidence the past week on the cotton market no noticeable change has been made in Louisburg. The prices yesterday for good cotton reached 13 5/16 cents per pound. Several sales were sold.

The price of cotton seed remains steady.

COTTON BUYERS WITHDRAW FROM LOCAL MARKET

But Only Has Small Effect on the Prices or Demand for the Staple.

TROUBLE OVER COTTON WEIGHER Conditions Soon Became Normal and With the Exception of Discussion No Material Difference Was Discernable.

Louisburg, N. C. Nov. 29-'13 To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Franklin County

Gentlemen: We the undersigned cotton buyers in the town of Louisburg, N. C. respectfully ask that your Honorable Board do not confirm the election of Mr. W. Hal Mann as cotton weigher for the town of Louisburg, N. C. That the vote by which he was elected be reconsidered. And that some other man be elected instead.

We make this request because we know that Mr. Mann's service as cotton weigher will not be satisfactory to us; and we feel confident that his services will not be satisfactory to those who sell cotton on the Louisburg market.

The office of cotton weigher being a public one, it is of great importance that it be filled by some man who will work in harmony with both buyer and seller.

Respectfully,
McKINNE BROS. CO.
(By D. F. McKinne)
A. W. PERSON,
C. T. STOKES.

Quite a little stir among the general public was in evidence on Wednesday morning when it became generally known that the former cotton buyers on the local market had decided to withdraw their purchasing activities. The rumor had been passed around the night before to the effect that they would purchase no more cotton until their petition to the Board of County Commissioners, which is given above, was granted, but no one had really given much credit to the report until their absence was noted on the following morning. It was only a short while, however, after the wagons loaded with the fleecy staple had begun to roll in when Mr. R. G. Allen of the Farmers National Bank was displaying a commendable public spirit and within a short while had succeeded in getting two firms on the market and the business began to move along smoothly again. The new buyers are Turner & Beasley, composed of Mayor J. A. Turner and Mr. W. F. Beasley, and Mr. K. P. Hill for the Hill Live Stock Co. It is reported that other buyers will enter the market within a few days if the former buyers continue in their attitude.

The trouble which has brought about these results began the first of November in the election of Mr. W. Hal Mann as cotton weigher for Louisburg, from a number of applicants. No objection was raised against him before his election. The next day however, objections were made. The Commissioners passed the matter up to the December meeting when the petition above was placed before them. After going into the matter very thoroughly, finding no one willing to prefer formal charges against his honesty and considering that he had not been tried and found incapable they were not willing to grant the request of the petitioners and proceeded to accept the bond of Mr. Mann and administer the oath of office, stating that at any time he failed to perform his duties in accordance with the laws they would entertain formal charges against him. Following this action of the Board the relaxation of the activities of the buyers was noticed.

In the face of the fact that the Commissioners had been informed that the Louisburg market has suffered greatly in the past few years and that an effort had been made to have the cotton weighers' law repealed the Commissioners were exercising an effort to bring about better conditions, and in doing so did not feel it necessary to reflect upon the integrity of one whom they had just elected to office by reconsidering their vote, when such explicit confidence had been expressed by disinterested parties and

further without giving him a trial. We are informed that Mr. Mann says he intends following the instructions of the law and in no case will he make any deductions, except in the presence of both buyer and seller and they agreeing thereto.

Messrs. G. W. Ford and J. Lehman were on the market yesterday.

Delightful Entertainment

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phi Tomlinson near Louisburg an oyster supper was given Friday evening, November 28, in honor of Misses Mayme and Maude Hocutt, of Garner, by Messrs. H. S. Yates and N. S. Tomlinson.

From 7 to 11 o'clock merriment and fun were rife. At 9 o'clock the guests were invited into the dining room where steaming oysters were served. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit.

Every one present enjoyed the occasion thoroughly, and wished the hosts would entertain often.

Those present were: Misses Mayme Hocutt, Maude Hocutt, Eva Allen, Belle Mitchiner, Addie Mitchiner, Mary Sherod, Oliva Mitchiner, Laura Mitchiner, Lela Bevis, Messrs. Willie Macon, Joe Nash, Blair Tucker, Festus Fuller, S. C. Foster, W. T. Person, T. Kemp, F. Spivey, R. H. Jones, H. G. Jones, C. N. Sherrod, M. Neal, H. B. Mitchiner, H. S. Yates and N. S. Tomlinson. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Pierce, Mrs. A. S. Sherrod, Mrs. R. S. Mitchiner, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tomlinson.

Immediately after the supper the guests retired to the sitting room where games of all kinds were played. But the hour of departure came all too soon. But each and every one departed declaring Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson most charming hosts.

The Southern's New President.

New York, December 1.—Fairfax Harrison, formerly vice president for the Southern Railway Company and for the last three years president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company, of which the Southern is part owner, was today elected president of the Southern Railway to succeed the late William Wilson Finley, a special meeting of the board of directors being held for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by Mr. Finley's death.

Mr. Harrison is a Virginian, his home being at Belvoir, Virginia. He is peculiarly identified with the South, as his father was private secretary to Jefferson Davis while president of the Confederate States, and all his railroad experience has been with the Southern and its associated lines. Mr. Harrison was born in 1860, and was graduated from Yale with the A. B. degree in 1890, from Columbia with the A. M. degree in 1891. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1892 and continued the practice of law in this city until 1896, when he entered the service of the Southern Railway in the legal department as solicitor. In 1903, he was made assistant to the president, and in 1906 became vice president, which position he held until 1910 when he resigned on being elected president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville. He however, continued as a director of the Southern Railway so that his service with the parent company has been uninterrupted.

Mr. Harrison was one of Mr. Finley's closest and most trusted advisors and is thoroughly in sympathy with the policies which made Mr. Finley's administration so successful both for the Southern Railway Company and the territory served by its lines. Though Mr. Harrison entered the service of the Southern in the legal department, his experience has not been confined to that branch of the service. He has given much study to financial, traffic and operating problems and is intimately acquainted with conditions on the Southern Railway and throughout the section which it traverses. As president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, he was actively in charge of the operation of the railway, so that he comes to the Southern Railway prepared by practical experience as well as the most detailed knowledge of the details of its affairs to take up the duties of chief executive. Mr. Harrison today was also elected president of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, the Mobile

and Ohio Railroad, and Virginia and Southwestern Railway.

Resolutions deploring the death of Mr. Finley and paying a high tribute for his work for the railways he headed and the territory they served were adopted by the board of directors of the Southern Railway, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad and the Virginia and Southwestern Railway. These resolutions will be printed throughout the South. Immediately following his election, President Harrison gave out the following statement:

"I am in entire accord and sympathy with the policies of my lamented friend Mr. Finley, under whom I have worked for seventeen years. I hope to continue to build the Southern as he built it by promoting and enhancing its usefulness to and its cordial relation with the people of the South. I count on the support of the entire present working organization of the Southern, rank and file. Having grown up in the service with most of them, I know how to value them and I am proud to believe that they are my friends."

Federals Race for Refuge in United States.

Juarez, Dec. 3.—Confident that the several federal generals who evacuated Chihuahua City with their troops intend to seek refuge in the United States and thus be beyond the danger of being taken prisoners by rebels General Francisco Villa today sent more troops in an attempt to intercept them.

The generals led by General Salvador Mercado, whose desertion of Chihuahua, and whose statements that he had no money to pay his troops, are regarded as a virtual breakdown of the Huerta dictatorship so far as the north is concerned, are headed for Ojinaga on the border. It is thought they will cross the Rio Grande to Presidio, Texas. At Presidio they are expected to be arrested by the United States military authorities, taken to Marfa and thence to San Antonio.

With the generals are many subordinate officers and about 2,000 federal soldiers with more than 1,000 persons of the walthair class of Chihuahua who took flight rather than face an attack by the rebels.

Tampico Made Capital.

Mexico, City, Mexico, Dec. 3.—The seaport city of Tampico today was officially declared the temporary capital of Tamaulipas. General Rebago, the military governor who was forced to abandon Victoria and who erroneously had been reported to have killed himself, has gone to Tampico under orders of the federal government to re-establish his governorship.

News Scare.

The war department announced that General Arizmandi and other federal officers, who fled from Victoria to Cerizito, have been ordered to reorganize their forces and march again on Victoria. Reliable news as to military operations in the various parts of the republic is very meagre in the federal capital, and what little there is does not favor the government.

Women Forced into Army.

Extraordinary methods are being employed to secure recruits for the federal army. Servant girls display marked caution when they appear on the streets, as they are aware that scores of their fellow servants have been drafted into the army as female soldiers.

A Good Joke.

One trick utilized by the recruiting officers netted the federal army 65 conscripts in a single haul yesterday. Bills posted outside a moving picture show announced that the exhibition was for "men only." The little room was crowded quickly, and a series of religious pictures were thrown on the screen. The crowd greeted these good naturedly, but when it was followed by other religious pictures the men started an uproar. This resulted in a raid by the police, who marched the majority of the men to the barracks, where they were placed at once in the ranks of the army.

Buys Mattress Factory Building.

Mr. J. W. Hollingsworth has purchased the mattress factory property on the south side of the railroad and will conduct his wholesale storage business therefrom.

List of Letters.

Remaining in the postoffice at Louisburg December 5th:

Nathan Baswell (2), Mary B. Brim, Maron Burnos, R. C. Clifton, R. C. Edwards, Etta Foster, R. D. Griffin, Charles C. Hill, J. D. Lych, D. B. McDonald, Sedron McKnight, Cella McKnight, Sallie Overby (2) Miss Bill Williams, Mrs. Joe Young.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.
M. W. YARBOROUGH, P. M.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Dr. J. O. Newell, of Nashville, was in town yesterday.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox left for Conference Monday.

Sheriff W. H. Allen went to Nashville yesterday.

Mr. W. B. Barrow, of Star, visited his people here the past week.

Mr. T. T. Terrell returned the past week from a visit to Rutherfordton.

Mr. F. B. McKinne attended the Methodist Conference at Oxford this week.

Mr. E. S. Ford went to Richmond the past week to purchase a lot of horses.

Miss Bettie Stallings, of Rocky Mount, visited friends in town the past week.

Mrs. T. W. Webb visited her people in Mecklenburg county, Virginia the past week.

Misses Estelle Paschall and Ruth Sauls, of Wilson, visited friends in Louisburg the past week.

Mesdames C. M. Wilson and J. T. Holt, of Wilson Mills, are visiting Mrs. Lella Williamson.

Capt. R. I. Cheatham, of Norfolk, Va., was a pleasant visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. D. E. McKinne, of Princeton, is visiting her sons, Messrs. D. F. F. B. and Malcolm McKinne.

Dr. D. P. Smithwick, who is attending school at Atlanta, has returned home for the holidays.

Mrs. D. F. McKinne left the past week, to visit her mother at Statesville, who is quite ill.

Mr. M. M. Critcher and family, of Sumter, S. C., visited his sister, Mrs. Emma C. Allen, the past week.

Mr. J. R. Collier, Chief Clerk of the House Claims Committee, left the past week for Washington City.

Misses Eleanor Davis, Belle Davis, Janie Harris and Lizzie Cooper, of Henderson, visited friends in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. W. W. Holmes left Tuesday for Oxford, as a delegate from the district conference to attend the annual conference of the Methodists.

Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin left Tuesday for Elizabethtown, Bladen county, where he is engaged in preparing the papers in a big timber deal. This work will necessitate his being out of his office several weeks, he will return home for the holidays.

Miss Urtie Harrison was one of Louisburg's Thanksgiving guests, and was a visitor at the home of Mrs. R. C. Beck. Miss Harrison taught in Louisburg for several years and the people were glad to have her among them again.

Closes for Christmas.

At a meeting of the Tobacco Board of Trade it was decided to close market for Christmas December 19, and open again on Thursday, January 8, 1914.

To the Franklin Times.

Program for Teachers meeting Saturday, December 6th.

Subject—How should the Teachers correct the Bad Habits of the Pupils in the use of English.

1—Correction in High School—Miss Annie Wilder, Prof. W. H. Johnson.

2—Correction in the Intermediate Department—Miss Ella Pippin, Miss Florie Kittrell.

3—Correction in the Primary Department—Miss Ruby Harris, Miss Chessie Wheelers.

Public Debate at Bunn.

There will be a public debate on Friday evening, December 12 at Bunn High School. The query is as follows: Resolved, that the new compulsory school law should be amended to include all children between the ages of eight and eighteen for a period of six continuous months instead of four.

This is a question before the public mind at present and is being much discussed.

The public is cordially invited. The ladies of the Betterment Association will sell refreshments.