

J. D. ALSTON RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN

RAISES SALARY OF SUPT. J. J. HOLDEN.

Believes Several from Taxes—Re-Elects Officers—Receives Several Bonds—General Routine Business.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present.

W. G. Ayescue was relieved of taxes on \$100.

The following persons were relieved of poll tax: Charlie Jones, D. O. Richardson, J. H. Griffin, E. H. Moore.

W. W. Lester and W. J. Cooper were relieved of special school tax in Seven Paths district.

J. H. Holden, Superintendent of the County Home reported \$900.55 received from cotton.

Upon order the salary of J. J. Holden was increased from \$40 to \$50 per month, beginning January 1st.

J. B. Yarborough was allowed to list taxes of non residents.

It was ordered that the Sheriff require his deputies in the several townships to return to this Board the names of all persons that have not listed their taxes for 1917.

J. D. Alston was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin was appointed attorney.

Alice Bunn was placed on outside pauper list at \$2 per month.

H. A. Kearney was allowed \$675.00 part payment for collecting taxes.

It was ordered that the county pay to J. W. Neal, Executor of J. T. Neal, the amount collected for rent on B. F. Matthews farm, on coffin account.

Upon order no taxes were to be collected on farm sales.

The bonds of H. A. Kearney Sheriff, were received and filed.

Dr. J. E. Malone and Supt. J. J. Holden were instructed to get a home for little girl at county home.

The sale of the Road bonds was postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

The bond of D. G. Pearce, cotton weigher for Louisburg township, was received and filed.

The report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of county home, was received and filed. He reports 12 white and 12 colored inmates.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, December 5th, after having allowed a number of accounts.

The Board met again on Wednesday according to adjournment.

R. L. Stokes reported the Warren county line matter settled satisfactory.

The Sandy Creek Road bonds were sold by the Board.

Upon motion of J. W. Winston the Board adjourned to meet again on December 20th, to make final settlement with Messrs. W. H. Allen and P. B. Griffin.

Thanksgiving Menu.

The following is a menu of the Thanksgiving dinner for the boys of the Machife Gun Company, 322nd Infantry, at Camp Jackson, S. C.

MEATS—Roast Turkey with dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Baked Ham, Hot Biscuits, Roast Beef with brown gravy, Scalloped Oysters, Deviled Eggs, Macaroni and Cheese, Asparagus Tips, Potato Salad, Stuffed onions, June Peas, Celery, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Creamy Butter.

DESERTS—Fruit Cake, Plum Pudding, Mince Pies, Mixed Pickle, Queen Olives, Vanilla Ice Cream, Apples, Oranges, Bananas and Cream, Hot Cocoa, Hot Coffee.

SMOKES—Cigarettes, Cigars.

Mrs. Mann Hostess.

Thanksgiving brought the "Younger Set Book Club" with Mrs. Mann. Although the weather conditions were terrible, one would not realize it at such a pleasant meeting.

After the assemblage of the club the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mann. Minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary.

A real Thanksgiving prayer was offered by Miss Furman, which made us all feel that the day was rightly named and we so often forgot the meaning.

The life of Gen. Joffre was to be read by Mrs. Swindell, but she was "wash-

ed away" and didn't appear, much to the regret of the club.

Mrs. E. H. Malone read a real interesting paper on "Joffre's Visit to United States." "Current Events" were read by Miss Furman.

As our subject for the occasion was a Frenchman, Mrs. Mann had the applause sung by the Misses Hall accompanied by Miss Furman.

The intellectual man was really inspired with this meeting, but nothing could more delight the "inner man" than have served, as the hostess did, a steaming hot "Fried Oyster and coffee" course.

The meeting adjourned, we departed, wishing Mrs. Mann many happy returns of the day, with less water.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. L. Best, Dec. 13th.

Red Cross Wool Fund.

The following donations have been made during the past week to the Franklinton Red Cross wool fund:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mr. Weisman (.50), Mr. Hight (.50), Mr. H. Hunt (.50), Mr. John Speed (1.00), Mrs. S. C. Vann (25.00), Mrs. B. T. Green (25.00), Mrs. John Conyers (1.00), Mrs. B. A. White (.50), Dr. Henderson (1.00), Mr. J. W. Daniel (1.00), Mrs. Olin Perry (.50), Mrs. E. J. Joyner (2.50), Total (59.00).

The Young People's Missionary Society.

On Tuesday evening December 4th, 1917 The Young People's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Edward L. Best on North Main street in a "Business Meeting."

A beautiful Christmas program was arranged for the meeting by Mrs. Best.

"Devotional Exercises," Mrs. Mortimer C. Pleasants; "Christmas Eve in Cromwell's Time," Mrs. Edward L. Best; "A Christmas Prayer," Miss Lonie Meadows; "My Blessing Book," Miss Julia Barrow.

At the conclusion of the program each member took part in the election of officers for the year Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen.

The following is a list of the newly elected officers.

President, Mrs. Osmond Y. Yarborough; Vice president, Miss Julia Barrow, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Minnie Brickell, Recording Secretary, Miss Louise Thomas, Treasurer, Miss Sue T. Alston, Superintendent of Supplies, Miss Lonie Meadows, Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. Edwin H. Malone, Superintendent of "Study Publicity," Miss Lydia Inscoc, Agent for Voice, Mrs. Osmond J. Hale.

After electing all officers a delicious salad course was served.

Those present at the meeting were: Mesdames Mortimer C. Pleasants, Osmond J. Hale, Osmond Y. Yarborough, J. C. Myrick, Edwin H. Malone, Edward L. Best, Misses Lonie Meadows, Hodge Alston, Julia Barrow, Aileen Webb, Sue Alston, Lydia Inscoc, Minnie Brickell, Louise Thomas.

We were very glad to have with at the meeting one of our former members, Mrs. J. C. Myrick, of Panama Canal Zone. We also welcomed into our society two new members at the last meeting, Mrs. Osmond Y. Yarborough and Miss Aileen Webb.

After all business had been discussed the society adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, December 11, 1917, at the home of Miss Lonie Meadows, 22 North Main street, in a "Study Circle Meeting" at 7:45 o'clock. Each member is urged and requested to be present at this meeting. We also want each member to bring with them a new member.

"Recording Secretary."

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for Dec. 7, 1917.

Mr. Lucious Branch, Miss Myrtle Crews, Miss Carrie Davis, Ed Davis, (col) Miss Fannie Floyd, Mr. Robert Harris, Mr. W. F. Kelly, Mrs. Fannie King, Miss Vivian Sykes, Mr. Willie Terrel.

From Dead Letter Office. C. H. Bellemey.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. Davis, P. M.

ALLIED POWERS HOLD CONFERENCE

COMPLETE SOLIDARITY FULL UNDERSTANDING.

For the Solution of Questions of Common Interest in the War; Military Unity of Action Placed Upon Course of Certain Realization By Inter-Allied Staff.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The foreign office officially announced today that at the recent inter-allied conference, in which the United States participated, agreements were concluded "upon the basis of a complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies for the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest in the war."

It was also announced that the creation of a supreme inter-allied naval committee had been decided upon. The inter-allied general staff, it was stated, was working upon a definite military program which was placing unity of military action in the way of certain realization.

Official Statement. The announcement regarding the results of the conference was made in the following official statement: "The minister of foreign affairs reported to the cabinet council today the result of the conference of the allies. The reading of communications from the presidents of each section of the allied conference, at which were present for the first time representatives of all the countries taking part with us in this war, has given felicitous results from every point of view. They give assurance of practical unity of action, economically, financially and militarily."

"The agreements have been concluded upon the basis of a complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies for the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest in the war. The financial needs of each of them, the requirements of their armament, their transport, their food, have been the subjects of profound study which guarantees perfect satisfaction. The creation of a supreme inter-allied naval committee has been determined upon. Military unity of action has been placed upon the course of certain realization by the inter-allied general staff which is at work upon an established program of all military questions."

"From a diplomatic point of view entire accord resulted from the discussions among the representatives of the powers upon all the business which has been arranged together, to assure the common victory of their countries."

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Franklin, North Carolina, to be held at Louisburg on January 12, 1918, at 10 o'clock to fill the position of rural carrier at Alert, N. C., and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Application should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

Box Party at Oak Ridge.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend a box party at Oak Ridge schoolhouse Saturday night, December 8. There will be something to interest all. The proceeds will go for the equipment of the school.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH.

Divine worship Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Conducted by the pastor, Sunday School 9:45 A. M. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Among the unfinished business to be disposed of by Congress immediately upon its assembling in December will be the remedying of its unaccountable omission in failing to tax the salaries of its members. Of course it was an

HELP DECREASE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

WHAT MOTHERS CAN DO.

Mothers Are Asked to Cooperate With Quarantine Officer to Control Contagious Diseases.

Nobody knows what it means to have a sick child like the mother, therefore, I am asking the mothers of this county, especially, to co-operate with me, their county quarantine officer, and by all working together, to keep down those preventable diseases like whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria as far as possible.

Some old fashioned mothers used to believe that whooping cough and measles were like taxes, just had to come, and the sooner they "came and went," the better. But now mothers know different. They know that even if children should have these diseases when they grow up it goes less hard with them then, and they are more likely to recover without defects and impairments. Why, when a mother's baby has measles, if it is less than five years old, she never knows whether it is going to be left blind, deaf, lame, or with weakened heart or kidneys, for life. The safest plan is to take no chances with any of these so-called children's diseases. Children don't have to have them, and why not protect them?

Some of the things mothers can do to keep down whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis and diphtheria in their homes and communities are, first, to suspect the disease and keep home the children having the first symptoms, such as sore throats or head colds, particularly if any contagious diseases is in the community. Second, in case no physician is called to attend the child the mother should see that the disease is reported at once to the county quarantine officer who will then tell her what to do and how to treat the case. The law requires her to do this. Third, every mother should respect the Quarantine law. It may inconvenience her slightly but what will a few days of inconvenience mean if it saves a child's life or even if it saves him from a life long defect, like blindness which is often one of the after-effects of measles. The mother who disregards the Quarantine Law is not only an undesirable citizen to have in the community but is an enemy to the children.

The number of cases of contagious diseases in this county last month reported to me were:

Tuberculosis and Scarlet Fever, 1 Whooping Cough, 2 Diphtheria, 3 Measles, 2 Smallpox, 1

J. E. Malone, County Quarantine Officer.

Auto Smash-Up.

On Tuesday while attempting to turn into Court street from Main street Mr. Willie Pinnell driving a Ford touring car at most too high a rate of speed dashed into the corner of the side walk in front of C. C. Hudson Co's. store, breaking the radius rod and otherwise smashing up his car. No one, however, received any injuries. The car was again put in repair.

LOOK WELL TO THE COUNTRY ROADS.

Our people will be fortunate if, in the drive after a record production in all lines, they keep well in mind the great importance of good roads. Good roads are, in fact, one of the prime factors of success in our efforts to exceed all former productive records.

The farmer who, after harvesting a bumper crop, attempts to move that crop to market over poor roads, soon finds that he must sacrifice a large percent of his profits in reaching the market with his wares. The lumberman who has cut a choice lot of material finds he must give up the lion's share of his profits in getting his stuff to the railroad. The same holds good in all lines—poor roads mean a waste of energy; good roads, conservation of energy that may be profitably employed in more production.

The temptation for slackness in this direction grows greater all the time. Thousands of our workers have gone to the army; other thousands have been drafted to take their

places in the industries. Labor in all lines is at a premium.

The people of this country, however, have never known the meaning of the words "defeat" and "failure." They must not learn at this late day.

A determination on our part that the industrial life of the country MUST NOT and SHALL NOT deteriorate will work wonders. Hitherto only a very small percent of the national energy has been devoted to the sterner question of making a living. We have had abundant time for all the varied interests of life. Now, however some of those interests must take second place. The demands upon our time and energy are such that more and more we must cut out the frivolous and devote ourselves to the serious phases of life.

We can find the time and the means and the labor to keep our roads up to the standard of efficiency. We MUST, if a large part of our energy is not to be wasted.

James L. Inscoc Dead.

All the people of the Hickory Rock community were made sad on Wednesday morning, November 28, when the message came from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., saying that James Inscoc was dead. Although he had been sick for several weeks with measles which later developed into pneumonia information had been received by his people that he was convalescing nicely, thus the news of his death came as a great surprise.

James was 22 years old, therefore being in the age limit of the selective draft law. He was called to the colors more than two months ago, and became a member of Co. E, 125th, Engineers. He had not been in good health for several years, and his friends naturally thought that he would be exempted by the local board however this was not done, and he answered the call without uttering a word of complaint, and went away in a spirit which manifested a determination to do his duty as a soldier in the same manly way in which he had lived as a civilian. No one who knew him ever doubted that he would do his duty whether he was in the school room or at the battle front. A letter from one of his commanding officers to his father was an attestation of his loyalty as a soldier.

James Inscoc was an exceptional boy. Being strictly truthful from his infancy, kind and courteous to everybody, brilliant and faithful as a student, and above all a true Christian and gentleman, he possessed all the characteristics of real manhood. More than three years ago he professed faith in Christ, and united with Mount Gilead Christian church, since which time his church has not had a more loyal or devout member. While it was extremely sad to his people for him to die so far away from those who loved him most yet it is a sweet consolation for them to know that one who lived such a pure and unselfish life also did was not afraid to live anywhere. The spirit of the supreme being was present to comfort him in his last moments, and this was more consoling by far than any words that could have been uttered by human tongue, or any deed of kindness that could have been rendered him, even by his loving mother.

His remains were sent home on Thursday, and tenderly lain to rest in the family burying ground on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. He leaves to mourn their loss a father, and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Inscoc, several brothers and sisters, and many other friends and relatives, all of whom are sad because he has been taken from them. May the bereaved family be comforted by knowing that their loss is his eternal gain, and that the influence of his life, although ended at, seemingly, such an unseasonable time, will be felt for years in the community where he passed his day and will serve as a guide for many pointing out to them plainly the necessity of living a life that will be above reproach when the final hour has come.

A Friend.

Villa is said to have grown a luxuriant set of black whiskers. While it is true that the leopard cannot camouflage his spots, you have always the alternative of killing the varmint.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. W. M. Person left Tuesday for a visit to Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Will Y. Collie, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg the past week.

Miss Lillian High left Friday for Norfolk, Va, where she is the guest of Miss Jessica Smith.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas was taken to a hospital in Richmond Sunday by Dr. E. M. Perry, for treatment.

Mr. G. B. Egerton left Monday for Akron, Ohio, where he will take a position with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yarborough, and daughter, Camilla, spent the week-end in Raleigh as the guests of Governor and Mrs. T. W. Bickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham H. Anthony, of Hartford, Conn., were visitors to Louisburg the past week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. McBrayer.

Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Rev. W. B. Marton, Messrs. I. Allen and H. C. Taylor are attending the Baptist State Convention in Durham this week.

Rev. N. M. D. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McKinne and Rev. F. S. Love left Tuesday for Greenville, to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern Methodist Conference.

THE "TRIMMINGS" OF LIFE.

Human activities have from time memorial been roughly divided into two classes, commonly designated by the plain-spoken as the "essentials" and the "trimmings."

The division is an arbitrary one, and like most arbitrary definitions is frequently unfair. It implies that the one is vitally necessary while the other is superfluous. This is far from being the truth.

Many centuries ago a great teacher declared that "Man shall not live by bread alone." This truth has lost nothing of its force with the passage of time. There are many vital interests in life besides that of a mere subsistence. These interests are they which mark the dividing line between man and the brute creation. They are the demands of his nature that grow out of his higher intelligence, and they are just as essential to the completion of the character as are the demands of subsistence to the development of the purely physical.

If we are to reap the full reward of our service we must not set aside the social demands of life. It is untrue to say we have no time for such time devoted to the cultivation of the social life—in reason—is never wasted. It is really a period devoted to the storing of energy and resources that shall aid us in the more material tasks. An intimate knowledge of the characteristics of our fellows is a valuable knowledge. Brushing up against the aims and aspirations of our neighbors and friends gives impetus to our own aspirations and sends us forth to the contest with renewed force and vigor.

And in fact most of the occupations of life can be successfully pursued without losing sight of those higher interests that mark the man or the woman of an upward vision. The mechanic can as easily be a gentleman as a lout. Even the crossing sweeper need not be a boor. Cooking and dish-washing need not bar the mind and heart from things above and beyond the humble task. It is as easy for the farmer to meditate on the great philosophies of earth as upon the virtues or failings of apolitical candidate. In short, achievement may have for its end the higher things of life as well as the baser.

Keep the fires burning brightly on the social alters. It is for the higher development of humanity that we are now struggling, and it would surely be a perversion of our efforts did we lose sight of the golden grain while contenting ourselves with the husks of life.

If bad habits were as easily overcome as good ones the millenium would be ancient history.

It is a safe bet that the addition of the woman vote in New York will not add to the certainty of pre-election predictions.