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 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of April, 1918.

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 My commission expires Feb. 18th, 1920.

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Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for the judgeship of the Seventh Judicial District. Judge Harris has many friends in Louisburg who feel that he will receive quite a nice support from our people.

We are requested to state that because of the necessity and desirability of selling smaller quantities of flour as a result of the new ruling regarding combination sales, the recent ruling fixing the maximum price of flour at \$12.50 per barrel has been

revoked, and merchants are authorized to charge their usual profits up to one cent a pound on flour in quantities of less than 24 pounds and their usual profits up to three-fourths cent a pound in quantities of 24 pounds or more.

HERBERT E. NORRIS FOR SOLICITOR.

In announcing that I will be a candidate for the office of Solicitor Seventh Judicial District at the Primary Election to be held June 1st, 1918, I wish to thank the good people of my district who have heretofore twice nominated and elected me to said office without opposition. I feel deeply grateful for this honor, to all the people, but especially to the member of the Bar, who have been so courteous and generous to me. The duties of Solicitor are at times arduous, requiring all the ability, energy and tact of the prosecuting officer to meet the learned and highly skilled defendants of the District who represent defendants. I have always desired to be fair and courteous to attorneys, defendants and witnesses. I know that I have sometimes, in the heat of contest failed in this resolve, from error of head and not heart, which I regret; but I shall always take pride in the fact that in every instance where a young man (white or black) came into court charged with his first offense, acknowledged his delinquency and asked for another chance I gave him my assistance. I have relieved the sad heart of many mothers, fathers, and kindred, and helped the boy to a better life.

If you approve my record I will appreciate your support. At any rate I am your debtor for your confidence and trust heretofore extended me.
 4-19-18
 HERBERT E. NORRIS.

FOR COMMISSIONER

To the Voters of Franklin County:
 I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner to succeed myself subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and will appreciate your support. I also wish to thank you for your support in the past and will assure you of my best services in the future should you re-elect me.
 4-19-18
 J. D. ALSTON.

TO THE VOTERS OF LOUISBURG TOWNSHIP.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Constable of Louisburg township to succeed myself, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held in June. I will appreciate your support.
 I am yours to serve.
 4-19-18
 J. E. THOMAS.

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COUNTY-WIDE SCHOOL TAX

Expressions by our Citizens on this all Important Question.

Editor of Franklin Times:

Will you allow me a short space in The Times to say something about the county-wide school tax. Having served as a member of Board of Education for a number of years, I am in a position to know something about the needs of the schools in the county and of the results in improvements that have been made in our schools in the past. We have now reached a crisis in the history of our county schools: We must go forward, or backward. The county-wide tax is an absolute necessity, unless we are culpably willing to consign our children back to darkness and ignorance as they were a decade ago. No state can ever develop its resources, or ever reach a high standard of citizenship, with the mass of its people living in ignorance. But, says some one, "it is no business of mine to pay taxes to educate poor peoples children." Let me ask, in the event of an invading and devastating army overrunning and laying waste the homes and property of this county. Would not the owners of the wealth expect everyone of the unfortunate ones who did have homes of their own, to risk their lives. Yes. Give their life blood if necessary, in defense of other peoples homes. "It's a poor rule that won't work both ways." It is a shame, if not disgrace, that North Carolina, one of the original thirteen states formed in 1778, should now be third from the bottom in illiteracy out of forty-eight states that now compose the Federation of States. Freemen and Patriots of Franklin county let us make the sacrifice and vote the county-wide tax for the schools. The local tax districts will not have to continue their local tax, if they do not wish to and under the management of our capable and efficient County Superintendent and the good judgment of our County Board, every dollar of the money will be wisely expended.

I suppose all of our numerous candidates are in favor of helping the children—it is said, they are going "to and fro" all over the county, kissing the babies and patting the children on the head. That tells the tale, they are all good clever fellows and we had a right to expect it of them.
 H. D. EGERTON.

Editor Franklin Times.

I believe all of us concede it to be right for our wealthiest men as well as our relatively wealthy to be taxed heavily to carry on the war, and are we not saying it without complaint, & if it is right for multi-millionaires as well as our wealth generally to be taxed for the war according to their wealth, why is it not also right that we should heed the call of those in our rural districts? for whom we cannot hope help will come through our legislature or through any other source except the buying of more taxes and with our increasing population and increasing cost of almost everything. Will we not necessarily have to vote more tax?

The boys and girls in the country are just as good as the boys and girls in town. Let us give to them the same opportunity for making good in life as we do to those in town. If seven months of schools not too much for the town children it certainly is not too much for the country children.
 A. B. WESTER.

MR. JONES OPPOSES SCHOOL TAX

Mr. Editor:
 Having seen an editorial in your paper in regard to a county-wide school tax, I wish to express my opinion on this subject.

I think we are already burdened too much with tax. In view of the fact that our government is at war and we are called upon to buy liberty bonds, war stamps, send our boys to the front and this country threatened with a ration panic. I think we will do well to let our school system remain as it is until we can see our way more clearly.

On account of the scarcity of labor, how can the average farmer patronize the school we already have?

Examine the teacher's registers and see for yourselves if many of the children are not late entering after the school opens, and begin to stop off long before the school closes. If we can not patronize a short term school how can we patronize a longer term school?

I for one am opposed to a county-wide tax. I do not think it is just to tax a people in one district to run a school in some other district. There is just as much injustice in a county wide school tax as there is in the members in one church saying what the salary of the preacher shall be in some other church.

I believe in local self government and that each district should have the right and privilege to vote a tax on themselves to meet the ability of such districts to pay such taxes for the length of term such districts can afford to patronize.

We have the privilege of voting the county-wide school tax upon us, but we will not have any voice whatever in abolishing the tax we are already paying, but it will be left entirely to the school bosses.

It is expensive to the teachers to have to attend Teacher's meetings that last but from two to three hours, attend summer school and keep up with the reading circle work. So much red tape, expense and extravagance on every hand. So many on the pay roll. I do wonder what per cent of a dollar reaches the poor child? Is it more tax or is it more economy we need?

Why could we not use more economy and continue schools under the present system we already have. As an old adage when we are doing well enough, let us let well enough alone.
 W. A. JONES.

The question of submitting to the

voters of Franklin county the adoption of a county-wide school tax is now being agitated. The election is to be held on the 14th day of May, 1918, and I desire to put myself on public record as unqualifiedly supporting this special school tax.

This is an age of progress; progress in farming, progress in manufacturing, progress in commerce and all other fields of activity. To cope with this progress our children, who will be the leaders in the coming generation, must be given educational advantages that will enable them to be worthy leaders of this progressive age. Our whole country is now in the midst of a great educational campaign. Many states, counties, townships and districts have adopted special school taxes and are now moving on in their education. North Carolina is the best State in the Union, Franklin is the best county in the State. Shall we lag behind? Some of our adjoining counties have already adopted some such special tax as we are now proposing. Do you want your child to be well qualified and prepared to stand in the front row of leadership?

Or would you see him go out unqualified and hang his head in shame when in a contest with his neighbor? We know that you want your child to be as good as anybody else's child and, if so, you must give him every advantage now that he may come out the well rounded man that you would have him be.

The county-wide special tax now proposed is 30c on the \$100.00 worth of property and 90c on the poll. The ultimate purpose of the county-wide special school tax is to equalize the school tax for the county and does not necessarily increase the tax on those districts that now have a local tax equal to or larger than the county-wide tax now proposed. The trustees of the various local districts may reduce or eliminate their local special tax now in force if they find that the county-wide tax will furnish all the funds necessary for such district.

This is perhaps one of the most important elections ever held in the county. If you have any county pride or aspiration for your children it is your duty to attend the polls and cast your ballot in favor of this most worthy cause that your children may be forever glorified.

I especially appeal to the voters of Hayes district to make as good showing in this election as they did in the local election held about 2 years ago in which there was cast not a single dissenting vote.

Yours to serve,
 H. J. HAYES.

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