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NEW POST OFFICE FOR LOUISBURG

OCCUPY OLD TAR RIVER DRUG STORE.

Information of the Change Received The Past Week—To Have New Fixtures.

Information that brought with it much surprise to the citizens of Louisburg, was received this week, which stated that the contract for Postoffice quarters for Louisburg had been let to Allen Bros. Co. and that the postoffice would occupy the old Tar River Drug Company's store on West Nash Street.

The new position will be, so we learn, well equipped in every way, and will provide nice quarters both for the postal work and the public.

W. H. YARBOROUGH ELECTED ATTORNEY.

At Meeting of Town Commissioners Friday Night—Several Reports Received.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Friday night, with all members present. After reading and approving previous minutes the following business was transacted:

Reports of A. W. Alston, Clerk, was received. He reports collecting costs \$13.85; licenses, pool rooms \$20.00; stands \$10.00; I. Brown \$25.00; markets \$20.00; restaurant \$25.00; rent Opera House \$35.00.

J. Lehman was allowed to buy junk as agent for I. Brown.

E. H. Malone was appointed a member of the Board of Public Welfare.

W. H. YARBOROUGH was elected Attorney for the Town. Messrs. Ford and Malone were appointed a committee to notify Mr. YARBOROUGH and see what his duties are.

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

SCHOOLS TO OPEN.

As eight of the County Schools will open on Monday, September 8th, a teachers meeting was held in the office of County Superintendent E. L. Best on last Monday at which time blanks, reports, etc. were given out to the teachers. A round table discussion was held and resulted in many good ideas.

The following schools were represented: Bunn, Roberts, Laurel, Cedar Rock, Justice, Seven Paths, Mapleville and Hickory Rock.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS DINNER.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of U. S. D. C. will give their annual dinner to the Confederate Veterans of Franklin County on Thursday, Sept. 11th, at 10 o'clock, at the Court House at 1 o'clock.

OLD BOB.

Old Bob, the faithful old horse of the late Dr. E. S. Foster, and who has been owned the past few years by Dr. D. T. Smithwick, after having gotten his leg broken was shot and killed this week to relieve him of his sufferings.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Rev. N. Collin Hughes, rector, will hold regular services at St. Paul's Church Sunday, Morning Prayer, sermon and celebration of Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Evening Prayer and service at 6:30 P. M. All are cordially welcomed.

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TO OPEN TUESDAY 9TH EXPECT BIG SALES AT EACH WAREHOUSE

Prospects Good For High Prices On Good Grades, Fair Prices on Common Grades—All Buyers Expected To Be Here.

With every warehouse ready for the reception of tobacco and the proprietors expecting big sales Louisburg is preparing for a big opening sale on next Tuesday.

Judging from the beginning of the other markets around here the prices on all good grades of tobacco will be higher than they have been in years. The lower grades are bringing only fair prices, but show a strong stand in their position.

Everybody is invited to come to Louisburg on Tuesday and join the warehousemen, farmers and citizens in making it a big day for the Louisburg market. If you can't get a load ready come anyway. Louisburg welcomes you both as a tobacco market and a town.

WOOD NEWS.

Wood is still alive. Our roads are coming right on.

Misses Lilla Lanier and Pearl Gupton spent last week with friends near Youngsville.

Mr. G. W. Raynor and Miss Irene Gupton spent a few days in Ahoskie, Auander and Norfolk last week.

We had a fine time at the big barbecue on last Tuesday, which was given for the benefit of the Wood Baptist church.

Miss Mary Ball left for Macon Monday morning, where she will be in school the following winter.

Misses Neva and Annie Harper, who have been visiting friends in and near Wood returned to their home in Rocky Mount last Wednesday.

Mr. V. C. Brown returned to his work last Wednesday after spending some time in Norfolk, Va.

Misses Mae and Bertha Hamlett, and father, S. J. Hamlett, spent Monday in Rocky Mount.

Mr. H. B. Shearin and family spent Sunday with his brother near Centerville.

Mr. Stephen Gupton spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. J. M. Griffin near Centerville.

Mrs. Barnes, Misses Fuller and Helen Wicker are spending this week with Mrs. W. D. Fuller at Wood.

Mrs. Nelms is spending some time in Wood with her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Pleasant.

We are glad to know that Miss Bettie Radford has improved so much she is able to be up every day and is able to come home.

We are looking forward for a better school this season than we have ever had at Wood before. We are going to have a new school building, Misses Eugenia Boone, from Castalia, Patsie Lamm from Seven Paths, Mae Perry near Louisburg. We are going to have eight grades where we have only seven, and hope for a high school the next year school begins some time in October.

Wedding bells were rung again here last Thursday night about twelve o'clock when Miss Katie Tucker changed her name to Mrs. Bennie Tucker.

Don't forget to visit our little town—it is still coming up—everybody is welcome.

AUNT BEN.

THOSE WHO COME AND GO AND STAY IN PERRY'S CHAPEL NEIGHBORHOOD.

Miss Ricka Webster, of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Sudie Shelton, of near Richmond, Va., have returned to their home, after spending several days with Mrs. J. F. Mitchner.

Tuesday Aug. 26th, a party of the younger and older set enjoyed a delightful outing at Moore's pond. Hot coffee, corn bread and fried fish added to the attraction of the dinner hour.

Thursday night Mrs. J. F. Mitchner entertained in honor of her visiting guests Misses Ricka Webster and Sudie Shelton, who furnished much enjoyment to music lovers both vocal and instrumental.

Friday evening Mrs. H. C. Banks was at home to about fifty guests. At ten o'clock delicious ice cream and cake was served in the dining room.

Miss Pattie Beves, of Durham, spent the week-end with Miss Minna Wilder.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nash gave a barbecue dinner in honor of Mr. Joe Nash, their brother, recently returned from overseas service. Quite a number of their friends from Louisburg and Franklinton and vicinity enjoyed their hospitality.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT ON REQUEST OF SHOPMEN

Washington, Aug. 25.—The President's statement addressed to the public follows:

My fellow Citizens: A situation has arisen in connection with the administration of the railways which is of such general significance that I think it my duty to make a public statement concerning it, in order that the whole country may know what is involved.

The railroad shopmen have demanded a large increase in wages. They are now receiving 58, 63 and 68 cents per hour. They demand 85 cents per hour. This demand has been given careful and serious consideration by the board which was constituted by the railroad administration to adjust questions of wages, a board consisting of an equal number of representatives of employees and of the operating managers of the railroad companies.

Wrong Basis of Comparison.

The shopmen urge they are entitled to higher wages because of the higher wages for the present received by men doing similar work in shipyards, navy yards, and arsenals, as well as in a number of private industries, but I concur with the Director-General in thinking that there is no real basis of comparison between the settled employment afforded mechanics by the railroads under living conditions as various as the location and surroundings of the railway shops themselves and the fluctuating employment afforded in industries exceptionally and temporarily stimulated by the war and located almost without exception in industrial centers where the cost of living is highest.

The substantial argument which the shopmen urge is the very serious increase in the cost of living. This is a very potent argument indeed. But the fact is that the cost of living has certainly reached its peak, and will probably be lowered by the efforts which are now everywhere being concerted and carried out. It will certainly be lowered so soon as there is settled conditions of production and of commerce; that is, so soon as the treaty of peace is ratified and in operation, and merchants, manufacturers, farmers, miners, all have a certain basis of calculations as to what their business will be under which it must be conducted.

The demands of the shopmen, therefore, and all similar demands are in effect this: That we make increase in wages, which are likely to be permanent, in order to meet a temporary situation which will last nobody can certainly tell how long, but in all probability only for a limited time. Increase in wages will, however, certainly result in still further increasing the costs of production and, therefore, the cost of living and we should only have to go through the same process again. Any substantial increase of wages in leading lines of industry at this time would utterly crush the general campaign which the government is waging with energy, vigor and substantial hope of success, to reduce the high cost of living.

And the increases in the cost of transportation which would necessarily result from increases in the wages of railway employees would more certainly and more immediately have that effect that any other enhanced wage costs. Only by keeping the cost of production on its present level, by increasing production, and by rigid economy and saving on the part of the people can we hope for large decreases in the burdensome cost of living which now weighs us down.

A Question of Taxation.

The director general of railroads and I have felt that a peculiar responsibility rests upon us because in determining this question we are not studying the balance sheets of corporations, but in effect determining the burden of taxation which must fall upon the people of the country in general. We are acting, not for private corporations, but in the name of the government and the public, and must assess our responsibility accordingly.

For it is neither wise nor feasible to take care of increases in the wages of railroad employees at this time by increasing freight rates. It is impossible at this time, until peace has come and normal conditions are restored, to estimate what the earning capacity of the railroads will be when ordinary conditions return. There is no certain basis, therefore, for calculating what the increases of freight rates should be, and it is necessary, for the time being at any rate, to take care of all increases in the wages of railway employees through appropriations from the public treasury.

In such circumstances it seems clear to me, and I believe will seem clear to every thoughtful American including the shopmen themselves when they have taken second thought, and to all wage earners of every kind, that we ought to postpone questions of this sort until normal conditions come again and we have the opportunity for certain calculations as to the relation between wages and the cost of living. It is the duty of every citizen

of the country to insist upon a truce in such contests until intelligent settlements can be made, and made by peaceful and effective common counsel. I appeal to my fellow citizens of every employment to co-operate in insisting upon and maintaining such a truce and to co-operate also in sustaining the government in what I conceive to be the only course which conscientious public servants can pursue. Demands unwisely made and passionately insisted upon at this time menace the peace and prosperity of the country as nothing else could, and thus contribute to bring about the very results which such demands are intended to remedy.

Would Be On Equality.

There is, however, one claim made by the railway shopmen which ought to be met. They claim that they are not enjoying the same advantages that other railway employees are enjoying because their wages are calculated upon a different basis. The wages of other railway employees are based upon the rule that they are to receive for eight hours work the same pay they received for the longer work day that was the usual standard of the pre-war period. This claim is, I am told, well founded and I concur in the conclusion of the director general that the shopmen ought to be given the additional four cents an hour which the readjustment asked for will justify.

There are certain other adjustments, also, pointed out in the report of the director general, which ought in fairness to be made, and which will be made. Let me add, also, that the position which the government must in consequence take against general increases in wage levels while the present exceptional and temporary circumstances exist will of course not preclude the railroad administration from giving prompt and careful consideration to any claims that may be made by other classes of employees for readjustment believed to be proper to secure impartial treatment for all who work in the railway service.

WOODROW WILSON. Message to Shopmen.

The President in his statement to the representatives of the shopmen, said: Gentlemen: I request that you lay this critical matter before the men in a new light. The vote they have taken was upon the question whether they should insist upon the wage increase they were asking or consent to the submission of their claims to a new tribunal, to be constituted by new legislation. That question no longer has any life in it. Such legislation is not now in contemplation. I request that you ask the men to reconsider the whole matter in view of the following consideration to which I ask their thoughtful attention as Americans and which I hope that you will lay before them as I have stated them.

Conditions Not Normal.

We are face to face with a situation which is more likely to affect the prosperity and well-being of our people than the war itself. We have now got to do nothing less than bring our industries and our labor of every kind back to a normal basis after the greatest upheaval known to history, and the winter just ahead of us may bring suffering infinitely greater than the war brought upon us if we blunder or fail in the process. An admirable spirit of self-sacrifice of patriotic devotion and of community action guided and inspired us while the fighting was on. We shall need all these now, and need them in a heightened degree, if we are to accomplish the first tasks of peace. They are more difficult than the tasks of war—more complex, less easily understood—and require more intelligence, patience and sobriety. We mobilized our man power for the fighting, let us now mobilize our brain power and our consciences for the reconstruction. If we fail, it will mean national disaster. The primary step is to increase production and facilitate transportation so as to make up for the destruction wrought by the war, the terrible scarcities it created and so as soon as possible relieve our people of the cruel burden of high prices. The railways are at the center of this whole process.

The government has taken up with all its energy the task of bringing the profiteer to book, making the stocks of necessities in the country available at lowered prices, stimulating production and facilitating distribution and very favorable results are already beginning to appear. There is reason to entertain the confident hope that substantial relief will result, and result in increasing measure. A general increase in the levels of wages would check and might defeat all this at its very beginning. Such increases would inevitably raise, not lower, the cost of living. Manufacturers and producers of every sort would have unnumberable additional pretexts for increasing profits and all efforts to discover and defeat profiteering would be hopelessly confused. I believe that the present efforts to reduce the cost of living will be successful, if no new elements of difficulty are thrown in time enough to establish either success or failure.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Register of Deeds Holden issued marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of August:

WHITE—J. D. Wilkes and Susan Pearce, Ed Fuller and Pearl Gupton, Raymond Carnell and Bertha Mullen, Bennie Tucker and Katie Tucker, H. Foster Hall and Annie Lee Daniels, Arthur B. Insoce and Ernestine Stagnon Hayes, Edgar Bowden and Estlin Parham, Noble W. Carter and Gladys Edwards.

COLORED—Herbert Arrington and Carry Alston, Nathan McKnight and Francis Kearney, Norman Mitchell and Bessie Harris, Chas. W. Battle and Sella Wright, Lucy Johnson and Lonnie McKnight, Robert Egerton and Helen Allen, Matt. Scott and Fannie Moss, Willie Crews and Pattie Jones, John Wesley Crudup and Telle Lankford, James Lee and Mattie Davis.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. F. S. Spruill attended Court here Friday.

Miss Mary Page Wilder of Aberdeen, is on a visit to Louisburg.

Mr. J. M. Allen visited Washington City, on business the past week.

Mr. L. D. Bassett, of Rocky Mount, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Hon. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, was in attendance at Court here Tuesday.

Supt. J. C. Jones and C. S. C. J. J. Barrow visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Mrs. Julia Scott and daughter, Miss Mildred, were returned from Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blanchard, of Hertford, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro.

Mr. Hill Yarborough has returned home from Tennessee, where he has been attending school.

Miss Florence Egerton spent a few days in Raleigh the past week, the guest of Miss Ruth Lee.

Mrs. F. A. Roth and little daughter, Dorothy, returned Sunday from a visit to her people at Philadelphia.

Mr. Marshall Hudson, who has been with the United States Marines, has received his discharge and returned home.

Messrs. Napier Williamson, Joseph Harris and Eugene Wilson went to Raleigh yesterday, the latter entering A. & E. College.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Raleigh, Secretary to the State Board of Health, was in Louisburg Wednesday in attendance at Court.

Attorney L. D. Bassett, of Rocky Mount, was in Louisburg Wednesday to appear in a law suit against the town of Louisburg.

Miss Rosalind Ragsdale, of Newlands, was in Louisburg the past week en route to her grandfather's, Mr. J. N. Harris at Bunn.

Mrs. F. P. Early and daughter, Miss Ruth, have returned from Orlando, after having spent quite a while there with relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Alston left Thursday morning for the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, where she will become a member of the faculty.

Miss Nancy Hankins, of Winston-Salem, has been visiting at the home of Mr. Joseph C. Jones, returned home the past week.

Misses Bettie Reavis, Eleanor and Mary Wyatt Yarborough, have returned from Wells River, Vermont, where they have been attending a summer camp.

Misses Ruth and Annie Neal, who have been visiting friends at Manson and Weldon, passed through Louisburg the past week en route to their home at Centerville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Justice left Monday for a trip through Western North Carolina. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Timberlake, of Youngsville, and Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Justice, of Morven, N. C. They will be gone about two weeks.

Dr. Chas. D. Hill, of Baltimore, was a visitor to his sister, Mrs. M. S. Davis, Sr., the past week. Dr. Hill was a former Franklin County boy and has many friends among our people who were glad to see him. He is well pleased at the progress of Louisburg.

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GRANTS A SPECIAL ELECTION

PAYS WAY OF OLD SOLDIERS TO RE-UNION.

Draws Fifty Four Jurors For October Court—Received Several Reports—Pays Jurors \$3.00 Per Day.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. The following business was transacted after the minutes of previous meetings were approved:

J. P. Timberlake, Chairman, was authorized to purchase return tickets for the Old Veterans to go to the Soldiers Re-union at Atlanta, Ga., and draw voucher for that purpose.

Upon motion of J. R. Earle, seconded by W. D. Fuller, it was ordered that all jurors be paid \$3.00 per day beginning with the August term of Court, and that the Court Crier be paid a like amount.

Report of Miss Pauline Smith, Home Demonstration Agent, was received and filed.

Report of Cedar Rock township roads was received and filed.

J. O. Williams was appointed constable of Dunn's township.

Report of Franklinton Township Road Trustees was received and filed.

The Judge presiding having requested that fifty-four jurors, instead of thirty-six as heretofore, be drawn for October Court the Sheriff was ordered to draw such a number.

The Clerk was ordered to advertise the Cedar Rock School District Bonds so as to be sold in thirty days.

The allowance of Isaac Harris, an outside pauper, was increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month.

W. P. Wilson's children and Henry Griffin were stricken from outside pauper list.

Dennis Kearney was stricken from outside pauper list—dead.

Manerva Kelly was stricken from outside pauper list—being at county home.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health officer, was received and filed. He reports county home and county generally in better condition than in years.

Report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of County Home was received and filed. He reports 7 white women, 3 white men, 1 white child, 4 colored women, 5 colored men at county home.

Report of Louisburg Township Roads was received and filed.

Ordered that the Clerk be instructed to draw up a bill of all school accounts which has been paid by the County Commissioners and due to be paid by the Board of Education and present the same to the Board of Education.

D. T. Beish was put in charge of all bridge work that needs concrete construction.

An election was granted in the Oak Ridge School District for a special tax, to be held on the 6th day of October. Herbert Sledge, registrar, J. E. Stallings and F. Bowden, poll holders.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Special Tax Election Called—Supt. Jones Authorized to Make Temporary Excuses.

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday with all members present. The following business was transacted after approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

A committee from Pilot and Social Plains were before the Board in the interest of consolidating these two districts. These committees were requested to decide on a suitable site and report to the Board the next first Monday.

Mr. J. O. Wilson was before the Board asking that he be allowed to come into the Louisburg Graded School district, the matter was referred to the Graded School Trustees.

The matter of making any change in the Popes district was deferred.

The Board agreed to pay \$240.00 towards a colored Supervisor.

Upon petition W. P. Cooke's property, both real and personal, was placed in the Cedar Rock Special Tax District.

The Board authorized and empowered Mr. J. C. Jones, Superintendent of Public Welfare, to excuse temporary children from School for Agricultural and Industrial reasons. Each one excused, however, must be presented to the Board each first Monday for its approval.

Supt. E. L. Best and John C. Winston were appointed a committee to attend the Conference at Chapel Hill, which will be held the 15th of September.

The Board approved a petition for a special tax in the Oak Ridge district, Cypress Creek township, and the Commissioners were asked to order an election.

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