

STOPS WORK ON OPERA HOUSE

ENJOINS TOWN LEASING FOR MOVING PIC- TURE SHOW

F. W. Wheless Gets Temporary Injunction—Action to be Heard on August 16th at Raleigh Before Judge Calvert.

Injunction proceedings were secured the past week by Mr. F. W. Wheless before Judge T. H. Calvert, of Raleigh against the Town of Lousburg and were served on Mayor Joyner Friday. The object of the injunction is to prevent the town from leasing the opera house to be used for a moving picture show, Mr. Wheless claiming that it would be to his loss and in violation of the town's rights in the property.

The work that was in process at the time making the building conform to the State insurance and fire laws, was ordered stopped pending the hearing, which is to be on Saturday, August 16th, 1924 at Raleigh before Judge Calvert.

This suit will no doubt clear up a confusion as to the rights the town has in the opera house property. And will be settlement that will make it possible for the Commissioners to determine whether the town shall continue to pay the heavy upkeep of the roof and up story without the privilege of receiving revenue.

After relating the history and laws of how the town became in possession of the property the complaint goes on to say:

Section 7. That the plaintiff is informed and believes and upon such information and belief, avers that the present Board of Commissioners of the Town of Lousburg, in violation of the contract with grantors of the defendant, and in violation of the terms of the act under which the erection of said building was authorized, and of the rights of the citizens and tax payers of the town have entered into an agreement with a relative or family connection of one of the officials of the Town of Lousburg, to wit, the Superintendent of the Light and Water Plant whereby it is proposed to lease the said Town Hall and all of the equipment connected therewith to R. R. Kissell, by the terms of which lease the said R. R. Kissell, will have the sole and exclusive contract of said Hall and the exclusive right to use the same for purposes of private gain. That the plaintiff is further informed and believes and so avers that it is the intention of the said R. R. Kissell to convert the said Hall into a moving picture show to be operated entirely for his own profit. That if the said defendant is permitted to carry out this design, whereby the Town Hall shall be converted into a moving picture show under private management, the same will violate not only the letter and spirit of the act of the General Assembly, under which the people of the town voted bonds for the erection of a public hall, and deprive the said citizens of the town for a public meeting or gathering, but the same will be in direct violation of the contract between the grantors of the plaintiff and the Commissioners of said town; That the operation of a moving picture show on the second story of Plaintiff's building will largely increase the danger of destruction by fire of the building and large stock of goods contained therein and largely increase the costs of insuring same against fire; That the nature of the material, machinery and power used in the exhibition of moving pictures is such, according to the expert knowledge and experience of fire insurance companies as to create a peculiar and distinct danger at all times of fire and by reason of such peculiar increased hazard, the premiums, which will be charged this plaintiff for fire insurance upon his building and stock of merchandise will be increased twenty-five per cent.

Section 8. That if the defendant is permitted to carry out and effectuate its illegal and unauthorized purpose as set forth in the next preceding paragraph hereof, as it is now threatening to do, unless restrained by this court will do, the same will work great and irreparable harm and damage to the plaintiff, wherefore the plaintiff prays the court; That the defendant be requested to show cause before this honorable court at a time and place to be named by the court, why it should not be enjoined and restrained from executing any lease whereby the sale and exclusive control of said Hall shall be vested in any private individual whatever, and from installing and operating or permitting to be installed or operated therein any moving picture show, or making any use of said building not specifically allowed under the terms of the said contract and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the act of the General Assembly referred to, and that, pending the return of the defendant to said notice, it be so enjoined and restrained.

The complaint is completed by the

FRANKLINTON SETS NEW PACE

STARTS COOPERATION WITH COUNTY PROPORTIONS

Object is Better Understanding of School Problems and a Greater Unity of Action for Better Schools

Franklinton is to have credit for taking the first step towards real cooperation between the Special Chartered Schools and the County System. Heretofore the co-operation, officially, has extended only in the special schools receiving from the County their pro rata share of the funds. Otherwise they acted independently from the County. Franklinton realizes the value of a more closely united spirit of helpfulness and individual understanding, at its meeting of Trustees recently passed the following resolution and transmitted it to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools:

Franklinton, N. C., Aug. 2nd, 1924.

At a meeting of the Board of Graded School Trustees held August 1st, 1924, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That Mr. E. L. Best, County Superintendent of Education and Mr. A. F. Johnson, County Chairman of Board of Education be invited to visit the schools of Franklinton Township during the ensuing term and to meet with school trustees and offer any constructive criticism.

E. J. CHEATHAM, Secretary.

Supt. Best acting for himself and the Chairman of the Board dispatched the following letter of approval and acceptance of the plan, and expressing the hopes that in the near future the idea, so wisely and generously sponsored by Franklinton will become a general county response to a better understanding of the school problems in Franklin County. The letter of Mr. Best follows:

Louisburg, N. C., Aug. 6, 1924.

Mr. E. J. Cheatham,
Franklinton, N. C.
Dear Joe:

Mr. A. F. Johnson and I received, this morning, the kind resolution from your Board. I can assure you that we appreciate the same very much and will at all times be glad to be of any assistance to your school that we possibly can.

The Board of Education and I spent a most pleasant hour last Monday afternoon looking over your new high school building. As far as building and equipment is concerned, I have no criticism or suggestions to make as everything seems to be as near perfect as possible. When the school begins I shall be glad to confer with your board and with your superintendent at any time and will furnish any constructive criticisms that is within my power.

In order that there may be a better understanding between the County Board of Education and the Special Chartered Boards in the county, I have suggested that each of the Special Chartered Boards appoint a committee and I will ask my board to do the same thing, and for these several committees to meet in conference at least once a month. The purpose of these meetings will be to bring about a 100 per cent co-operative spirit by discussing and solving problems that are common to all of us. I expect now to get the superintendents of the various schools to meet with me in the near future and to work out plans for these meetings.

Again assuring you of my hearty co-operation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met in regular session with all members present except J. B. Jones. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Board agreed for the Social Plains school to attend the Pilot school during the coming school year 1924-25, according to contract with the Pilot school board.

The Oak Ridge School district was consolidated with the Seven Paths school district.

The Superintendent was instructed to make arrangements for the Wilder school to attend at Justice school for the coming school year.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to go to Franklinton and visit the new public school building.

Poverty is not a crime, but many people regard it as such.

copy of the deed to the town conveying the upper story of the property. This case will be watched with much interest as it has been the cause of much comment and many opinions upon the part of the tax payers of Lousburg, practically all of whom feel that if the town cannot rent the hall to advantage it had better get rid of it, and save the cost of maintenance.

REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

Dr. Ray E. York and Forest Weaver Among Those Who Will Visit and Take Part In Services

Revival meeting begins Sunday August 10th at Lousburg Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reynolds, of Fort Worth, Texas, will have charge of the music. Their superiors cannot be found in the whole South. They were connected with the home board of the Southern Baptist Convention for a number of years.

For the past ten or twelve years Mr. Reynolds has been head of the gospel music department of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas. He has under his direction a faculty of some twelve or fifteen teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are both charming personalities in the Lords service.

Services through the week days will be at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

If you stand for the best for your town and community regardless of your belief or church affiliation, please attend these services and render all the help possible.

People from all the country churches and communities are especially invited to attend.

Thursday night August 21st of the second week of the meeting, Dr. Ray E. York, Mr. Moody his singer, Mr. Josey, his organist and pianist, and Forest Weaver, our own fourteen year old boy preacher will all be with us. Forest will preach that night. If you love Forest and are interested in his career as a minister of the cross, come out to hear him preach before he leaves North Carolina, for he plans to go to Texas and live with Dr. York.

SPOT CASH COMPANY

\$100,000.00 CORPORATION CHARTERED MONDAY

Kinne, Malcolm McKinne and F. J. Beasley—To Do Wholesale Mercantile Business

The Spot Cash Co. is a new business for Lousburg being chartered on Monday to do a general wholesale mercantile business in Lousburg and will occupy the new building of McKinne Brothers now under contract for erection. The business is incorporated for \$100,000.00 by Messrs. D. F. McKinne, Malcolm McKinne and F. J. Beasley and has already \$10,000.00 paid in.

The personnel of this company is made up of some of Lousburg's best business men, whose connection with it foretells its success.

The new firm will no doubt begin business early in October as it is expected that the building they are to occupy will be completed early in that month.

KING SEED CO. CHANGES HANDS.

The King Seed Co., that has been enjoying quite a good business in Lousburg for a number of years under the popular supervision of Mr. D. F. McKinne, completed its papers the past week for the formal transfer of the property and business to Messrs. C. S. Williams, of Franklinton, and W. B. Tucker, of Lousburg. This is one of the biggest business deals that has been pulled off in Lousburg in some time involving many thousands of dollars, the amount we were unable to get owing to a large stock of seed on hand.

The new firm, so we understand, will continue to operate the business as before, and the gin in Lousburg will be under the personal supervision of Mr. W. B. Tucker. They are now busy remodeling the plant and overhauling and installing new machinery.

No doubt a full announcement of the future plans of the new firm will be made later.

REV. MR. FLYLER TO PREACH

Rev. M. T. Flyler will preach at the Methodist church here next Sunday night, August 10th, at eight o'clock. After the preaching service he will hold the third quarterly conference. The pastor will be absent, but his report will be read by the secretary of the conference. The pastor made all arrangements for the quarterly conference agreeable to the presiding elder. No preaching services Sunday morning. Mr. Dowd will return from his vacation the first of September.

Parad government expenses means that the nation will not be impaired.

MARKET TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 23RD

LOUISBURG TO RUN THREE HOUSES

All Houses To Be Run Same as Last Year—Same Buyers Expected

With a firm determination on the part of the warehousemen and the citizens of Lousburg that the Lousburg Tobacco Market shall lead all markets in a radius of a hundred miles or more, the announcement is made that the Lousburg Tobacco Market will open on Tuesday, September 23rd, 1924. All three warehouses will be run again this season by the same men as last year and all are more fully determined to sell more tobacco than ever before and realize they must make the market more interesting to the farmers. Practically all the buyers that were on the market last year will return this year with plenty of orders to make the buying interesting.

The attention of the tobacco growers is invited to the activities of the Lousburg market and the business of Lousburg at all times to see that it will be the Lousburg market that makes it better for you.

PICK UP THE SQUARES

OPPORTUNE TIME TO CONTROL BOLL WEEVIL

Lateness of Crop Makes Immediate Action Necessary—Method Easy if Properly Followed

The TIMES takes pleasure in giving the following article concerning the control of Boll Weevils by Mr. H. G. Moore, a boll weevil expert, with McKinne Brothers, to its readers. It is authentic and will mean much if its advice is adhered to.

In the beginning the weevils attack the fields in small places, most likely around old house places, woods or hedge rows. The old weevils come out and lays eggs in the squares. The number of eggs they lay is not known. They possibly lay twenty five, fifty, or five hundred. This being true shows us the necessity of watching for the infested places and gathering the squares that fall off and those that turn yellow on the stalk and burning them. By this method before they hatch out. This burning the squares is all the more necessary because of the fact that the killing the weevil in the larvae stage he is eliminated from spreading his kind by becoming a parent weevil himself. In view of the fact that the first infestation of a field is confined to spots about twenty-five to thirty feet square, the amount of labor it takes to pick up and burn the squares is not a great deal. This is especially important as there is only from fifteen to twenty days, according to weather conditions, from the time of laying the egg until the weevil is full grown. If we fail to get these squares and the per centage of infestation reaches ten per cent we will then have to dust with arsenate, which must be done at night while the dew is on the plant.

The most practical way of determining the per centage of infestation of a field is by the following method: Take a place in your field that you have found to be infested about an acre in size and begin at one side by counting off all the squares that are or have stalks up to one hundred squares taking off all the squares that are or have been infested or punctured and put them in your pocket. Regard this six times—once from each section of the acre representing one sixth of it. When you have finished your count, then count the infested squares you have placed in your pocket or other containers. If you have sixty, which is ten per cent of six hundred, you will then know that you have ten per cent infestation and it will be necessary for you to begin dusting.

Due to the lateness of the present cotton crop it is especially advisable in the control of the weevil that you run a light furrow through your cotton with a sweep or a light cultivator, breaking the crust and covering the weevil while he is in the larvae or worm stage, as when he is covered in this stage he is most invariably killed.

With the lateness of the crop this year unless some immediate and careful preliminary control method is followed the weevil stands well to do considerable damage in Franklin County.

The Round the world airmen will touch at Iceland on their way home, but don't expect to bring home a load of ice.

Flattery doesn't fool one class of men and you can't make it strong enough to fit the other kind's good opinion of himself.

HELD FOR HIGHER COURT

UNDER \$100 BONDS FOR PROSTITUTION

Mayor Joyner has Many Cases Before Him the Past Week—Several Required To Get For Hire License

Quite a little sensation was in Lousburg on last Friday evening when Flora Ballance, of Raleigh, and William Matthews, were held under \$100 bonds each by Mayor Joyner under charges of prostitution, and Oscar Bryant Ballance, alias Mann, of Raleigh, was held under a like bond for aiding and abetting in prostitution. The parties were discovered in Tuckers Hotel and promptly arrested by the officers.

Other cases disposed of the past week by Mayor Joyner were as follows:

Town vs William Martin, drunk and disorderly, guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

Town vs Tom Riley Denton, affray, guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

Town vs Minnie Cooke, affray, guilty, \$10 and costs.

Town vs Jim Plummer Davis driving car for hire without license, guilty, ordered to pay costs and take out license.

Town vs Julius Hayes, running car for hire without license, guilty, ordered to pay cost and take out license.

Town vs John Bullock, running car for hire without license, guilty, ordered to pay costs and take out license.

BIG BASKET PICNIC

Tuesday, August 12th, Beginning at 10 a. m.

To Be Held at Wakelon School—Speakers of National Reputation—Everybody Invited—Bring Basket

One of the biggest basket picnics of the season has been announced to be held at Wakelon High School on Tuesday August 12th beginning at 10 a. m. and lasting through the day.

The picnic is sponsored by the co-ops, but the invitation is thrown open just as well to the non co-ops. Everybody who can, men, women and children, are expected to attend and enjoy a most pleasant occasion.

There will be speakers of national reputation present among whom will be Walter Petset, Secretary to the National Council Co-operative associations and Miss Elizabeth Kelly, President North Carolina Teachers Association. In addition the executive heads of the cooperative associations in North Carolina will be present.

According to announcement there will be plenty of shade and ice water free. And you are reminded not to forget to bring your basket.

MCKINNE TO REBUILD.

Contract Let to Be Completed by Middle of October—Material Now Being Placed on Lot

That the contract to rebuild the store of McKinne Bros., in the immediate future has been let, is the announcement given out this week by this progressive firm. The contract, so we are informed has been let to Mr. B. W. Harris, who is now completing the new filter station for the town of Lousburg and who we understand says he will have the building completed by the middle of October. Material is now being placed on the lot for the new building.

We understand the new building will be a one story brick structure built according to the latest and most practical business designs. That the front will be 19 feet high sloping off to fifteen feet in the rear. And the building will occupy the entire lot which is approximately 80 x 200 feet in size, all of which will be covered by one roof. The floor is to be of concrete and the building will be provided with driveways so that trucks can load and unload inside the building. The building is to be well lighted from both front and rear and the inside arrangements are to be such that will minimize the handling of heavy merchandise. It is expected that work will begin on the new structure in the next few days.

When completed, we learn, the Spot Cash Company, Lousburg's latest business venture, a corporation with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.00 will occupy this new building. When completed this will add much to the appearance of the Main street in Lousburg.

R. I. Smith, a farmer living near McCullers in Wake County called his poultry flock the other day and converted the cull birds in \$38 cash.

JOHN HEDGEPEETH ELECTED SUPT.

COMMISSIONERS MAKE TAX LEVY FOR 1924-25

Approves School Budget—Appoints Game Warden—Reserves Number of Reports—Makes Allowance on Car For Home Agent—Commissioners to Attend Annual State Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving minutes of last meeting business was transacted as follows:

Report of J. A. Hodges was received and approved.

A delegation of ladies was before the Board in the interest of the Home Demonstration work. As a result a motion carried appropriating \$270.50 to be applied upon the purchase of a car.

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and filed. His recommendations to strike the name of Mary Ann Foster from outside pauper list, and that Ella Foster be sent to County Home, was adopted.

The tax listers were ordered to come in and help check up land for taxes.

The Clerk was instructed to make reservations at Wrightsville for the Commissioners who will attend annual meeting.

The school budget amounting to \$95,230.43 for salaries, \$21,218.00 building and incidental, and \$2,152.50 for repayment of loans, was approved.

The Board levied the same license and privilege tax as last year.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer, was received and filed.

Furney S. Pearce was appointed Constable for Dunns township until next election.

Reports for township road funds as follows were received and filed: Cedar Rock, Sandy Creek, Cypress Creek Gold Mine.

Report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent County Home, was received and filed. He reports 8 white and 11 colored inmates.

The following applications for Superintendent of County Home were read to the Board: J. J. Holden, W. C. Wilder, John Hedgepeeth, W. F. Ayescue, M. S. Lancaster, W. T. Harris. On motion of H. P. Speed and seconded by T. S. Dean John Hedgepeeth was elected Superintendent of County Home for two years with same compensation.

The tax levies for the roads for the several townships was made as follows, the first figure in each case being the sinking fund and the second the maintenance:

Gold Mine, \$1.09; 76c.
Cedar Rock, 19c; 21c.
Cypress Creek, 48c; 21c.
Sandy Creek, 48c; 27c.
Harris 65c; 45.
Lousburg 21c; 15c.
Dunns 35c; 25c.
Youngville, 25c; 7c.
Franklinton 20c; 10c.

The following tax levies were made for graded schools:

Franklinton 50c.
Lousburg 53c.
Youngville 50c.

The following county tax was made: Schools 81 cents.
Bridges 36 cents.
General purpose 21 cents.
Penston 2 cents.

It was ordered that the Town of Lousburg be requested not to dump any more garbage on county property. J. A. Bledsoe was appointed game warden.

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

KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club enjoyed quite a delightful evening at the Franklin Hotel on Friday night. In the absence of President Mohn, Edward Best presided.

A most interesting talk on Florida the land of oranges, grape fruit, bananas, etc., was made by Mr. W. G. Smoak.

Mr. H. G. Moore, a boll weevil expert, responded and gave a valuable talk on the method of controlling the boll weevil and what he was finding in Franklin County.

Harry H. Johnson was chairman of the program committee, but on account of arriving late he turned the evening entertainment over to Arthur H. Fleming, while he ate.

President Arthur Mohn arrived late but gave his experience in (not) being able to find Kiwanis when visiting other cities made an interesting talk on his trip to the peach state.

The evening was much enjoyed and adjourned with much good fellowship.

You can judge a man's standing by whether he dodges taxes, automobiles or subpoenas.