

GOLD SAND SCHOOL ELECTION CARRIED

The Fathers and Mothers Of This District Decided To Give Their Boys and Girls An Equal Opportunity With The Other Boys and Girls In Franklin County

On Monday, January 18th, the Gold Sand Special Taxing District, composed of two townships, Gold Mine and Sandy Creek, voted a 50c local tax for the purpose of running an eight months school and for the erection, repairing and equipping all the necessary school buildings in these two townships. The election was carried by one of the largest majorities that Franklin County has ever known, 839 were registered, and 654 voted in favor of the school program. This school program carries with it the erection of a new building at Mt. Grove, a twelve room high school building at Gold Sand, a new building at Wood, and additions to Centerville and Moulton Hayes. All the schools will be run eight months beginning with the fall of 1926 and the building program will begin just as soon as the money can be secured from the State Building Fund. An active campaign has been carried on in this district for the past four weeks and the result of the election on the 18th shows with what success the workers in this campaign met. Unforeseen barriers loomed up Monday morning when the polls opened. A "down-pour" of rain, and roads that can be described only by those who are familiar with this section. It certainly shows what keen interest these people felt in their boys and girls to get 654 voters to the polls. The mothers and fathers of this district have thus decided to give to their boys and girls a standard high school and what will soon be a standard elementary school in riding or walking distance of every child in this territory.

On the 9th of February Hayesville township will vote on its school program. There is no doubt but what the election will carry in favor of its boys and girls. When this is done every township in the county except Harris and the Flat Rock district will have an eight months school term with comfortable and sanitary school buildings. The boys and girls in Harris township and the Flat Rock district deserve as good school training as the boys and girls of Cedar Rock, Bunn or elsewhere. We do not believe that the good people of this township will be satisfied for their children to have the advantage of a six month school term with poor buildings and no equipment, while the children of the other townships are having an eight months term with modern and well equipped buildings. The school authorities stand in readiness to cooperate with the people of this territory in securing for them an equal educational opportunity with the other sections of the county. According to the county-wide plan a ten-room brick building will be erected somewhere near Hagwood's Cross Roads to take the place of New Hope, Royal, Math Rock and Rileys. This has the possibility of being the largest and strongest elementary school in the county. Repairs and additions will be made at Rock Springs. All of this territory will have Bunn as its central high school. When this territory votes a 50c local tax it will become a part of the Bunn Special Taxing District.

MR. COLE SAVAGE CONDUCTED SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Those who attended the services at the Baptist Church Sunday night will, I am sure, bare me out when I say that such an evening of religious worship will not be forgotten and the thought carried home in the minds of all present will not be forgotten in a measure. Our pastor at the morning service stated that he could not be present for the evening services and casting his eyes about and over his hearers let them drop on our friend Mr. Cole Savage. He then announced that Mr. Savage would conduct the services for the evening. This was news to Mr. Savage as well as to the people.

Mr. Savage brought a real message. He referred to James 14 through 36th. He touched the hearts of many of us when he reasoned with us about our faith. Faith alone cannot save man. Faith is shown by our works and not what we profess to be and faith without works is dead. He drew a wonderful picture of a true christian. His interpretation of the scriptures were so plain that even a little child could understand. He pictured a christian as the world would look upon him. His last picture was as his fellow christian would know him. By his words I know him and not by the words of his mouth. Mr. Savage accomplished his purpose beautifully. None of his hearers regret they heard him. We are glad we have Mr. Savage as our friend and christian.

His outline might read as follows:
I. The worlds faith in me as a man comes through my works.
II. The worlds faith in me as a christian comes through my works.
III. The Christian faith in me comes through my works.
A FRIEND.

FINISHES UP AND QUILTS

Franklin Superior Court Makes Quick Work of Term and Adjourns On Friday Afternoon

The regular January term of Franklin Superior Court came to a close Friday afternoon after disposing of the cases on the docket. Our report last week was in error in that it gave a case, State vs O. J. Coppedge, guilty. The name was confused with another case, and there was no case tried wherein Mr. Coppedge was defendant. Cases disposed of since our last report were as follows:
State vs George Dickerson, assault with intent to commit rape, jury returns verdict guilty of assault on a female, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs. \$200 bond to appear at January term.
State vs John Egerton, housebreaking and larceny, guilty, 2 years on roads of Rocky Mount Road District.
State vs Herman Davis, pleads guilty to an assault with deadly weapon, 6 months on roads in Rocky Mount Road District.
State vs A. L. Thompson, bigamy, pleads guilty, prayer for judgment continued to May term of court.
State vs June Davis, upw, and transporting, guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey, 6 months on roads, Rocky Mount Road District.
State vs Joe Branch, speeding, not guilty.
State vs June Davis, attempting to bribe officer, continued.
State vs C. W. Boswell and others, sci fa, discharged upon payment of costs exclusive of witness fees.
State vs G. W. Dickerson, cew, guilty, fined \$100 and costs.
State vs Titus Dorsey, guilty unlawful possession of whiskey, 6 months on roads, Rocky Mount Road District, execution not to issue except on the order of Judge of Franklin Superior Court.
State vs Bud Denton, oai, guilty, 6 months on roads Rocky Mount Road District, execution not to issue except on order of the Judge holding Franklin Superior Court, provided said Bud Denton shall not drive an automobile in Franklin county for 12 months.
State vs Frank Blackley, l and r, guilty, 9 months in jail with leave to hire out, to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.
State vs Robt Little, it was ordered that as he had served 4 months of his 6 months sentence, that upon his paying the costs he may be released.
State vs Troy Fowler, adw, dismissed on account of former acquittal.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

A fatal automobile accident, was providentially averted Monday morning when Mr. Malcolm McKinne's Ford sedan and Dr. J. B. Davis' Ford coupe collided at the crossing of Sunset avenue and Church street, badly damaging both cars and bruising the occupants.

Mr. McKinne was driving his car taking his daughter, Miss Olivia, to school, and Dr. Davis' car was being driven by his brother and contained several colored children.

The accident was so unexpected and was not witnessed so we learn, that it is almost impossible to tell how it happened. However, we understand Mr. McKinne was driving east on Sunset avenue and Dr. Davis' car was going north on Church street.

After the impact Mr. McKinne's car was minus a rear right wheel and was turned around facing opposite to the way he was traveling and turned over while Dr. Davis' car had swerved, struck a telephone pole and turned about one fourth around. We understand the telephone pole was broken from the force of the stroke. Mr. McKinne says he especially looked for approaching vehicles before he attempted to cross the street and had just wiped his windshield clear of the rain.

It was most providential that no lives were lost as it seems impossible that such a wreck could happen and all the parties come out alive. Both cars were practically demolished.

CEDAR ROCK SCHOOL NEWS

Cedar Rock High School opened for the work of the second semester on January 4th. There is an increase in enrollment due to the new comers in the community, and the prospects for a good new year are encouraging.

The reports for the second quarter show that a higher grade of work is being done, and our school is still improving. The honor roll for this quarter will probably be doubled in number. The Literary Societies have elected new officers, and begun work with renewed interest.

The boys' basket ball team seems to have the winning spirit and are holding up the record that they made last fall.

Miss Margaret Johnson and Miss Christine Sledge appreciated most highly the invitation of Mr. C. T. Wheeler, of Raleigh, N. C., to accompany him and his wife to New Bern to attend the Shriners convention, which was held week before last. They report having had a most enjoyable trip. While in Raleigh they also visited the family of Mr. S. W. Wheeler, in whose home they enjoyed the most cordial hospitality.

RECEIVERSHIP TOBACCO ASSOCIATION ASKED FOR

Former Senator Demands That Directors Be Required to Repay Excessive Amounts He Says Were Paid For Salaries, Warehouses, Expense Items, Lawyer's Fees and Redrying and Also Asks That Mortgages On Tobacco Now On Hand Be Set Aside; Proceeding Started In Franklin County Superior Court

The Tri-State Tobacco Co-operative Association was yesterday ordered by Judge M. V. Barnhill to appear before Judge Thomas H. Calvert in chambers at Raleigh on Friday, February 5, to show causes why it should not be dissolved and a receiver appointed to wind up its affairs.

The order, which was signed on the basis of a vitrolic complaint filed by Wiley M. Person, former State Senator from Franklin county, directs the association to file the following information with the Clerk of Franklin County Superior Court in ten days:

"(1.) Amounts paid for attorneys fees, to whom paid and for what purpose and amounts collected by judgments and compromises from contract breakers.

"(2.) The amounts agreed to be paid for warehouses bought and leased in the Old Belt district.

"(3.) The amounts paid newspapers for advertising propaganda and publicity agents.

"(4.) The list of directors from 1922 to present date.

"(5.) The list of salaried officers and the amounts paid them.

"(6.) What directors were placed on salary, and the salary paid them."

The complaint also seeks to have mortgages alleged to exist upon 80,000,000 pounds of tobacco now held by the association set aside as fraudulent and to have members released from the obligation to deliver any more tobacco to the association.

Wants Directors to Pay. Mr. Person declares that the directors of the association are not only civilly but criminally liable as well for the alleged mismanagement of the association and accuses them of "a saturnalia of waste and extravagance unheard of in all our industrial growth and development."

It is charged specifically that a majority of the directors placed themselves on the salary list and gave themselves and other employes salaries ranging from \$4,000 to \$40,000, it being alleged that the salaries were three or four times as much as the same individuals ever received before.

In addition it is charged that over and above the \$100,000 in profits alleged by Dr. Clarence Poe to have been received by R. R. Patterson, T. C. Watkins and 25 other officials of the association that unconscionable sums were spent for publicity and propaganda for automobiles and other expense items and that there was waste and squandering and waste in connection with the buying and leasing of warehouses.

As To Lawyers' Fees.

The complaint calls for refunds on all excessive salaries and all of the above items which are termed "fraud and graft."

In regards to lawyers' fees the complaint says:

"That in utter disregard of the law and the trusts imposed in the directors and the rights of the membership growers, the defendant association has been negligently wasteful and recklessly extravagant in the money paid attorneys.

"The friendly committee appointed to investigate and report said, 'the expenses of the legal department have been extremely heavy, and the committee feels that salaries and fees paid to several attorneys too liberal.' That defendant paid out in 1922 \$85,000 and in 1923 \$125,000 and to Mr. Sapro as he has been informed \$110,000, totalling \$320,000 and instituted 890 suits at a cost of \$360,000 per suit, which waste and negligence is enough to shock the conscience of the chancellor, and this does not include the large amounts collected by judgment and compromise from contract breakers, none of which was turned into the treasury, but was added to the above amounts. The legal department was wrongfully and unlawfully converted into a collecting agency for attorney's fees and often the fees demanded were twice as much as the damages sought. All of which conduct was unlawful and that if the amounts so expended are at least two hundred thousand (\$200,000) more than they had a right to spend, and the said directors should account for and pay to the membership, the said above amount so unlawfully expended and the fees collected by judgment and compromises from the contract breakers, which amount to a very large sum."

Averring that the association is insolvent and unable to pay member growers for the 80,000,000 pounds of tobacco now on hand, which are alleged to be mortgaged for full market value, the complaint cites the recent report of the Federal Trade Commission in support of the charge that the operations of the association have been "so contrary to law and the primal instincts of honesty and show such a wanton disregard for their duties as to justify an immediate dissolution of said corporation and an indictment of every official tainted and affected thereby."

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STOCK HOLDERS MEET

Reports On Business For Farmers and Merchants Bank Very Gratifying; Elect Directors; Old Officers Re-Elected

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Louisburg was held in its banking rooms on January 18th. Cashier Maurice S. Clifton's report showed a very gratifying year's business. The old Board of Directors was re-elected. This board is composed of the following gentlemen, some of the county's most prosperous business men and farmers: Frank W. Wheelless, Jno. W. King, Jno. O. Wilson, Julius P. Timberlake, M. S. Clifton, Wm. R. Young, Clyde P. Harris and Louis L. Joyner, Chairman.

The officers and employees are as follows: C. P. Harris, President, J. E. Timberlake, Vice-President, M. S. Clifton, Cashier, Jas. B. King, Assistant Cashier and Misses Lola Jackson and Marguerite Harris, bookkeepers.

A dividend of six per cent was declared besides carrying a substantial amount to the undivided profits account. One of the most interesting items of Cashier Clifton's report showed that during an existence of over thirty years it has been necessary to charge off less than a thousand dollars, and is evidence that this old bank's slogan of "Safest for Savings" is very appropriate. Present resources are approximately six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

IN HONOR OF MISS ZENA BOBBITT

On Tuesday evening, January 19th, from 7 to 9:30, Mrs. Eugene Bobbitt gave a party in honor of Miss Zena Bobbitt.

Tables were arranged and several games of rook played. Mrs. John Anthon Inscoc getting the highest score was awarded a breakfast bell, which they gave Miss Zena Bobbitt, the bride-to-be.

On a table was a well mad oaf of pink crepe paper which was filled with peanuts tied with ribbon, each drew one. In them were written Moore-Bobbitt, February 19, 1926.

Then the guests were invited to the dining room which was beautifully decorated in white and pink crepe paper and candles were used for lights, where cake and hot chocolate was served. Then came little Graham Ball and Dean Bobbitt carrying a waiter of little pink baskets of candies which each guest took one.

Those present were Misses Josephine Ball, Myrtle and Lucy Tharrington, Mildred Bobbitt, Hattie Bartholomew, Annie B. Gupton, Rozelle McKimmon, Martha Grey Dean, Juanita Sturdivant, Margaret Johnson, Minnie and Eva Cooke, Mesdames O. B. Ball, John and Anthon Inscoc, R. C. Collins, Joe Bobbitt, P. E. Dean, J. J. Dean and G. W. Bartholomew. All left wishing Miss Bobbitt a long and happy life.

SUPT. W. R. MILLS VISITS COLORED GRADED SCHOOL

Tuesday morning we had our most excellent Superintendent to visit our school. He made a fine talk to the boys and girls, giving them good advice on how to behave themselves, also to be polite industrious and thrifty. He also inspected each class room and said some very encouraging things about the school.

Superintendent Mills has done some excellent work in this community and we all feel proud of him, both white and colored.

We are working hard on all the boys and girls under our care to instill in them the right principals.

The Superintendent said that we had some of the best colored people that could be found anywhere in this community. We can truthfully say in return that the white people here are as good as can be found anywhere.

I beg all of my people to teach their children obedience and honesty that we may be able to maintain the fine spirit that exist between the races.

As long as I have charge of the colored schools in this community my friends can always depend on me to teach the right and proper things.

The colored people are taking a real interest in the school work. We are inviting our forces together that another year we might have some industrial features added to the school. This is very necessary for the success of our race.

GEO. C. POLLARD, Prin.

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Miss Leonard, of Louisburg College music faculty, entertained the club with a most delightful instrumental selection. Upon the suggestion of Ben Holden, WHI Yarborough was appointed to express the appreciation of the club to Miss Leonard, which he did in his usual masterful manner.

The quartet by Harry Johnson, Malcolm McKinne, Mrs. W. E. White and Mrs. S. B. Berkeley, with Miss Leonard at the piano, was greatly enjoyed.

FRANKLINTON SUFFERS EARLY MORNING BLAZE

Franklinton, Jan. 18.—An early blaze at Franklinton Sunday damaged several stores and resulted in a loss of around \$10,000, only part of which was covered by insurance. Defective wiring or rats were believed responsible for the blaze which had its origin in R. D. Collins' grocery store on Mason street. G. L. Whitfields jewelry store was damaged, as was also John Mitchell's ice house.

A vacant store next to the grocery establishment which was being fitted up for a cafe was also badly damaged.

MRS. LA BOYTEAUX DEAD

Information was received in Louisburg Friday of the death of Mrs. G. B. La Boyteaux at her home in Charleston, W. Va., which occurred on the 15th of January.

Mrs. La Boyteaux was a daughter of the late Col. Harvil Harris and a sister to Senator C. P. Harris, and was a sister of Mrs. John Upperman. She was born and raised in Franklin county and after her marriage lived at Washington, N. C., before locating in West Virginia.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a large number of friends in Franklin County.

HAVE YOUR TOBACCO SEED TREATED FOR DISEASE

Arrangements have been made at the N. C. State College, Raleigh, for a plant disease specialist to visit Franklin county next Monday, January 25th, and conduct a tobacco seed treating demonstration at the County Agents office in Louisburg. All farmers who are desirous of having this work done should bring their seed in Monday morning and have them treated at that time. There will be no charges for this work. Come and bring your seed and insist that your neighbor do likewise.

A. H. HARRIES, C. Agt.

BUNN HONOR ROLL

Honor roll students for Bunn High school for the second quarter are as follows:

Tenth grade: Miriam Mullen, Esther Cooke, Evelyn Brewer, Mary Grey Pace.

Ninth grade: Oris Pearce.

Eighth Grade: L. G. Mullen.

Those for the elementary grades meeting the requirements for the honor roll in December are:

Seventh grade: Christine Richardson, Helen Mullen.

Sixth grade: Pauline Johnson.

Fifth grade: Othello Mullen, Lizzie Nowell, Roslyn Hollingsworth, Juanita Perry.

Fourth grade: Lucile Shearon.

Third grade: Horace Mullen, Willie Nowell, Lois Mullen.

Second grade: Linwood McKinney, Eileen Bell.

First grade: Tryon Beddingfield, Horace Jones, William Carlyle, Staley Mitchell, Randolph Alford, John Henry Williams, Clyde Stanton Hayes, Grover Jeffreys, Cal Mullen, Catherine Williams, Laura Moody, Cora Patterson, Margery Lee Richards, Annie Perkerson, Kellon Joyner, Sallie Mae Mullen, Evelyn Jones, Hazel Moyo, Mary Jane Perry.

Hog production in the United States continues to decrease according to a recent government report. Might be time to put more pigs on feed in North Carolina.

COLE SAVAGE SPEAKS TO FARMERS

At Night School Conducted At the Franklinton Public School Building

By C. R. Bohzman, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture. Cole Savage, former Farm Agent of Franklin County spoke to twenty-five farmers at the regular meeting of the Agricultural night school Tuesday night of last week.

During the past year Mr. Savage conducted a number of fertilizer demonstrations on cotton, and his talk was on results from the demonstrations.

There were four divisions to each plot, nitrate of soda, cotton seed meal, commercial fertilizer and no fertilizer at all.

Nitrate of soda showed the greatest yield of them all. The ordinary commercial fertilizer showed an increased yield over cotton seed meal.

Mr. Savage mentioned many interesting facts about cotton fertilizers and also about the experiments tried in Franklin county.

The meeting was of special interest because the results shown were found here at home. Various fertilizer demonstrations have been made in the state but these were probably the first for Franklin county.

The meeting this week was a story of the projector home pork done by the vocational students, a detailed record showing the yield, costs, returns and profits or losses of each crop was given.

Next Tuesday night, January 26th, there will be a picture show on cotton instead of the usual lecture. The films for this show will be furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and should be the very best obtainable.

All who are interested are earnestly requested to be present Tuesday night at 7.30. There will be no admission charges.

PRICES STILL HIGH

Louisburg Tobacco Market Making Big and Satisfying Sales

The sales of tobacco on the local market has been larger the past week than was expected and the prices are especially high. The greatest satisfaction has prevailed at each sale and the market is becoming more and more popular each day.

Come to Louisburg and see the tobacco sell for high prices.

PERSON-STRANGE

Announcements as follows have been received in Louisburg:

Mrs. Sarah C. Mathieson announces the marriage of her daughter Mrs. Virginia M. Strange

To Mr. Arthur Whitehead Person Tuesday, November the seventeenth nineteen hundred and twenty-five Louisburg, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Person were married at the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia last fall while Mr. Person was recuperating from a serious illness. The wedding was attended by only a few intimate friends, among whom were Senator and Mrs. W. M. Person.

The bride will be happily remembered by Louisburg people as the popular superintendent of the Chautauqua, that visited Louisburg the past summer. She is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Bosworth, Mo., and possesses a charming and attractive personality. She is accomplished and refined and is a favorite among a host of friends.

The groom is one of Louisburg's most progressive, successful and prominent business men. He is a big cotton buyer and a citizen of whom Louisburg is proud. He is prominently connected with some of the States most prominent families and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends. His home people selected him in a very flattering vote to become a commissioner for the Town, which place he has filled with much credit. He is deservedly popular among a large host of friends who extends the heartiest congratulations.

CONCERT AT GRADED SCHOOL

Quite an enjoyable concert was given at William Robert Mills High School on Wednesday night. The many musical numbers rendered by Mrs. Berkeley's music class were fine, well rendered and showed excellent preparation, and masterful instruction. The Glee Club added much to the occasion with its many numbers.

Quite a large number of patrons of the school attended and enjoyed the evening.

The dairy calf must have food and comfort to grow well this winter. The future cow is in the calf pen this winter.

The farmer and the city man should work together for the agricultural independence of North Carolina during 1926.