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### REDUCES TAX RATE

#### Town Commissioners Cut Off 15 Cents On Old Rate

At a meeting of the Board of town commissioners held on Friday night the tax levy for the town for the year 1926 was made. In fixing the rate the board decided to cut off 15 cents from the old rate, making the new rate \$2.70 instead of \$2.85.

In discussing the matter with some of the officials it was explained that there was only one levy that they could make any reductions in and that was the general fund for the running expenses of the town. All the other funds are fixed and could not be changed. Attention was called to the fact that without any increase in the old rate the outstanding indebtedness of the town had been reduced \$40,000 the past year, through the application of strict business methods and close attention to collections. The town now has, so we are informed, an outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$20,000 which they expect to wipe out the coming year. Another circumstance preventing their reducing the rate to \$2.50 as they had wished was that the personal property valuations had fallen off so much from last year.

The fact that the board has reduced the outstanding indebtedness \$40,000 and in the face of a lower personal property valuation has actually made a reduction in the tax rate is commendable and speaks well for the business ability they are giving the town. It is probable had there been no outstanding indebtedness the board could have reduced the rate practically one cent.

### JUNIORS ENJOY BARBECUE

The Laurel Council Junior Order entertained its members and a number of members of the Louisburg Council and their families and friends at a big barbecue supper on Thursday evening of last week. There was a big quantity of fine "cue" and fried chickens, ham, cakes, pickles and many good things to eat all of which was greatly enjoyed by the many present.

The day was a fine one and added much to the splendid occasion. The committee in charge received the congratulations of the many present for the delightful occasion.

### REV. BETHEA TO PREACH

Rev. Morrison Bethea, Arch Deacon of the Episcopal church, will preach at the Union Service at the college grove Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Bethea is a splendid speaker and a strong sermon is assured. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

### WATER SPOUT SWEEPS THROUGH LONG ISLAND

Glen Cove, N. Y., Aug. 16.—A water spout, sweeping in from Long Island sound, about 9 o'clock tonight caused extensive property damage for a distance of about half a mile along the creek road. Two men were killed, another was said to be missing and two men were injured.

The spout traveled at a terrific speed, uprooting trees, demolishing cottages on the road, which fronts on the Long Island sound, and breaking telephone poles.

The estates of J. P. Morgan and other wealthy New Yorkers are nearby, but it was reported that they were untouched.

### REVIVAL SERVICES AT SAREPTA

We are requested to state that revival services will begin at Sarepta Methodist church at Centerville, on Sunday, and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Towe, the pastor. In the morning children's day will be observed and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock services will be held. All day services will be held on Sunday with dinner served on the grounds.

During the week two services daily will be held one at 11 a. m., and one at 3 p. m. Everybody is invited to attend any or all of these services.

### CELEBRATES FOURTH BIRTHDAY

Master William T. Person, Jr., entertained quite a number of his little friends Friday afternoon, August 13, celebrating his fourth birthday.

Numerous outdoor games were enjoyed on the lawn and at six o'clock the guests were shown to the dining room. The centerpiece for the table was an elaborate pink birthday cake with four candles. Silver baskets of pink and green mints added to the color scheme.

Molded pink and white cream and cake was served and each little guest presented a favor, dainty candy and handkerchief corsages to the little girls and peppermint pups to the boys.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the little host were: Jane Fuller, Betty and Grace Johnson, Jane Murphy, Elizabeth Egerton, Peggy Ford, Hazel and Abbie Boons, Martha Holden, Eleanor Glenn, Viola and Jennie Chestnut Alston, Mary Jane Moyer, Dorothy, Elizabeth and Helen Person, Bobby Johnson, Karl Allen, Bill Bagland, John Holden, Bobby Strickland, Lester Pittman, Jr., Darrel Parry, Fisher Beasley, Jr., Buster Collins, Ernest Parry, Collin McKinnis, and Reuben Klassel, Jr.

## Peace, Goodwill



Columbia, Peace and the Spirit of Brotherly love have been joined in one person, a beautiful woman. This young lady was one of the central figures in a pageant staged at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating 150 years of American Independence. The Exposition continues until December 1.

### WHAT'S THE USE OF LYING

(A. N. ESHMAN, Winchester, Tenn.) Ananias and Old Nick were the champion liars of their day; but their prevarication never got them anywhere.

It is said that Texas and the Grand Canyon are both so big that no man can lie about them; yet somebody has wandered far from the truth as our Sesqui. Read the following official statement:

Exposition officials have branded as false and ridiculous, reports that the visitor must spend from \$35.00 to \$150 for admissions to see the features of the Sesqui-Centennial. For only the fifty cents admission fee to the exposition grounds, the following interesting exhibits, valued at \$100,000,000.00 may be seen:

"The palace of Liberal Arts and Manufacturers, with many acres of interesting sights; the Palace of Fine Arts, a tremendous building housing art treasures; from the four corners of the earth; The Palace of the U. S. Government, Machinery, Mines, Metallurgy and Transportation, housing the most extensive mechanical exhibit ever seen under one roof; the Palace of Agriculture, Food, Civic and foreign exhibits containing the \$1,000,000.00 Japanese pear pagoda and the finest products of the best craftsmen of the world; The Palace of Education; The Model Postoffice; the Pennsylvania building and other state buildings; and scores of other structures bidding the visitor welcome without any charge, except the one general admission to the grounds.

"Free organ concerts are given at noon in the Auditorium on the largest organ in the world. Camp Anthony Wayne, a model army camp, is within the ground, free to visitors; and the great League Island Navy Yards bids a warm welcome to all guests. The daily program lists many attractions which are free, and constantly changing to new brilliance.

"As a visitor from the West put it: 'The Exposition is a liberal education for half a dollar.' Sesqui truth is golden."

### A POOR POLICY

The citizen who regards himself too important or too big to take an interest in local affairs is never missed when he leaves. He may imagine he is traveling along with the other people, but no one envies him or seeks the position which he holds.

It is poor policy to run contrary to the community spirit. This is some thing for the mutual benefit and protection of every resident, so all effort should be directed toward building it up, not tearing it down or ignoring it.

By setting himself up as better or above the community booster, the knocker imperils his own fortune and opportunities. So long as he lives here, he must go along with the community in its advancement. If he does not come down a bit and be sensible, he is apt to regret it.

In addition to all this, the booster will testify that he can enjoy life much better by taking the right attitude toward the place where he lives and all enterprises for community betterment.

### KIWANIS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

Although only a small percentage of the membership was present Friday night at the usual weekly luncheon of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club a most interesting meeting was held. In the absence of President Mohn, Arthur Fleming presided.

Perry Burt and C. Hatton spoke on their businesses, the former giving a splendid incite into the progress of medicine and the medical profession, and the latter giving lots of interesting information about lumber and the handling of timber.

Dr. G. V. Tilley and Mr. David H. Roth, guests were introduced.

Asher Johnson made a report on the progress of better mail service for Louisburg and also told some information he had received relative to the Hester road and our Western outlet.

The question of tobacco market and its being advertised, Kiwanians Gaffner Beam, Herbert Perry, Asher Johnson, F. A. Roth, Stewart Davis, David Harris and Ben Holden spoke on this question. A motion prevailed to appoint a committee to confer with the warehousemen to perfect a plan to boost the market. Ben Holden, David Harris and Jake Friedlander were appointed the committee.

Stewart Davis made a report on the road conditions between Franklin and Nash counties involving a road in Dunns township and a road at Ransom's bridge. He expects to see the situation harmonized. His committee was continued to complete the project.

The meeting was a most interesting one and greatly enjoyed.

### EDDIE BRANCH DROWNED SATURDAY

Eddie Branch, colored, about 17 years of age, lost his life about 4:30 o'clock Saturday while in swimming at the old swimming hole up the river. From what we could learn he must not have been a good swimmer as he had been advised not to try to swim across the river. He made the attempt and in diving he was caught in some brush and drowned. His remains were recovered about six o'clock by Mr. William Cannady and were prepared for burial. The funeral was held from the home of his parents about three miles south of Louisburg Sunday afternoon.

The old swimming hole has quite a reputation for taking life, possibly a dozen have passed to the great beyond at this point in the past thirty years, and Saturday's experience only added another to the list.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS PICNIC

The several Sunday schools in Louisburg joined in a big picnic at Williams pond near Franklinton yesterday. All attending with their baskets gathered at the Methodist church about two o'clock yesterday afternoon and from there went to the pond. Quite a nice time was had by all who attended.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the many friends for the kindness and sympathy rendered during the recent illness and death of our dear mother and wife. D. A. GUPTON and Family.

### GET YOUR PICTURE

County Agent A. H. Harris informs us the pictures of the members of the Farmers Tour taken in front of the Agricultural Department building in Washington have arrived and he will be glad to deliver one to each of the members of the party upon their calling at his office in Louisburg for same.

### IN RECORDERS COURT

Judge G. M. Beam in Franklin Recorder's Court Monday ordered the two cases against Ross Moore, for assault with deadly weapon and nuisance and the case against Ross Moore and John Moore for forcible trespass, to be continued and capias issued. A nol pros with leave was entered in the case of house breaking and larceny against Octavious Hicks, Lawrence Thomas and Plummer Marshall. Coke Gupton, plead guilty to a charge of assault with deadly weapon and a sentence of suspended judgment upon the payment of costs was entered.

The business of the court was exceedingly light Monday and Judge Beam held only a short session.

### FIREMEN OFF FOR TOURNAMENT

The Louisburg Firemen left Sunday for Morehead City to attend the annual Firemen's Tournament to be held there this week. The boys are in fine practice and will no doubt enjoy the occasion and get much information and inspiration for the future. Among those attending from Louisburg are Chief F. J. Beasley, Messrs. J. S. Howell, W. N. Fuller, J. E. Thomas, F. M. Fuller, Bruce Shearin, P. J. Brown, N. D. Medlin, C. E. Pace, T. C. Alston, R. W. Alston, F. W. Hicks, Harvey Buchanan, E. O. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Egerton and little daughter, of City Point, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Egerton the past week.

### Mexico's Church Strife



Upper, President Calles of Mexico and lower, Archbishop Del Rio leaders opposed in Mexico's war on State against Catholic Church.

### BATTERY B RETURNS HOME

Battery B, 117th Field Artillery, N. C. N. G., Louisburg's military unit returned home Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from a two weeks encampment at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville. While there the boys conducted themselves in such a manner as to win the favor of the officers in charge and the work done by them was so well maneuvered and executed that the battery was classed with the best, it being one of only two batteries using shells in practice shooting.

The Louisburg, and Youngsville units were assigned to the same mess hall and in eight inspections they won first place three times, second place twice, and tied other units for first place the other three times.

Upon leaving camp Col. Godfrey Cheshire took occasion to compliment the battery and in his remarks stated the men had proven themselves much better than in former years.

The boys, while enjoying the encampment, seemed glad to get home and Capt. Griffin is boasting about the splendid personnel of his battery.

### FLOYD-MARTIN

Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Floyd announce the marriage of their daughter, Hattie Roberts to Mr. J. L. Martin on Saturday, the fourteenth of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, Raleigh, N. C., at home after the twentieth of August, 812 North Person Street, Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Floyd is the charming and popular daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Floyd, one of Franklin County's highest esteemed and most prominent families. She has many friends who join in extending congratulations. The groom is a popular young business man of Raleigh.

### BASEBALL

Mr. Editor, as we never see any special mention of baseball in your valuable paper thought we would tell you about a wide-awake team here at Alert. Alert has only lost 2 or 3 games this season and has played several games worthy of mention, the last seven games was won by the local team off and on its home ground. On Thursday of the past week it played Epsom seven innings at Epsom the game was a complete shut out for Epsom, the score resulting 5 to 0 in favor of Alert. The Alert team also completely shut out Elberon in a fast and exciting game last week, Alert defeated South Henderson a fast and exciting game on Saturday, the score being 13 to 9. Alert plays Sandy Creek Saturday, Aug. 21st at Sandy Creek.

Pitchers Thurston Smith and Delmar Kerby are doing some fine pitching and worthy of special mention. The victory that these boys has led Alert this season cannot be excelled by any local team.

Will let you hear again from us as we progress. A Spectator.

Regardless of what you know about music, it's always in good taste to applaud if it sounds like a heavy number.

Henry Ford built fourteen million automobiles, but it will be hard to convince the flivver dodgers there aren't twice that number.

If radio is to produce a universal language, as predicted, we hope it's nothing like some we've heard spoken.

### 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. George Holder spent the week end in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White are in New York City.

Mr. H. C. Taylor and family left Tuesday for Richmond, Va.

Mr. J. A. Wheelless left Saturday for Philadelphia on his vacation.

Mr. Richard W. Mohn left Tuesday for a visit to Elizabeth City.

Mr. Graham Griffin, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas W. Ruffin, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. Josiah C. Cannady, of Oxford, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. W. R. Young visited Baltimore and other Northern cities the past week.

Mr. S. S. Meadows left for Raleigh this week for treatment at Rex hospital.

Messrs. G. H. Cooper and H. M. Stovall visited Chase City, Va., Wednesday.

Mrs. R. F. Yarborough and children visited her parents in Franklinton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beasley and little son left Tuesday to visit relatives at Hamlet.

Messrs. W. F. Beasley and L. L. Whitaker returned Friday from a fishing trip to Bayside.

Messrs. A. F. May and J. D. Luper, of Spring Hope, were visitors to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. Herbert Cox and children, of Robersonville, are visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick.

Mr. David H. Roth, of Baltimore, visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Roth the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson, Mrs. J. C. Harkins and Miss Elsie Hudson visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. C. G. Cox and family returned the past week from a vacation trip to eastern North Carolina.

Mrs. E. F. Thomas left Saturday for High Point where she will be the guest of Mrs. C. G. Bedford.

Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Tilley, of Hertford, were visitors to Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Fleming the past week.

County Agent A. H. Harris returned Tuesday from eastern North Carolina where he spent his vacation.

Miss Kate Ballard of Raleigh is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ballard at Franklinton.

Messrs. John Burt Hill and Jim Allen Hill, of Raleigh, are visiting friends and relatives in Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bartholomew and daughter, Miss Ethel, returned Monday from a visit to Washington City.

Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth, Mrs. G. A. Wallace and Mr. Joe Hollingsworth of Newton, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wheelless.

Mrs. J. R. Johnson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, returned to her home at Winterville Sunday.

Miss Fannie Lillian Massenburg returned home this week after spending some time at Wrightsville Beach and visiting her sister at Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Bernice McGlohon, Mr. Claudius Johnson, of Winterville, and Miss Edna Johnson, of Rocky Mount, visited friends and relatives in Louisburg Sunday.

Misses Lucy Perry Burt and Annie Perry Neal left Tuesday to join the News and Observer party on their eight seeing tour of Canada and Northern cities.

Messrs. Jim Timberlake and Ance Williams, of Youngsville, and Misses Margaret Hill and Minnie Lancaster visited friends in Sanford and Lake View the past week.

Misses Katherine Lyon, of Whiteville, Katherine Morris and Mary Harris, of Henderson, and Grace Martin, of Tarboro, are attending a house party given by Miss Louise Allen.

Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, Mrs. W. H. Allen and daughter, Miss Kate and son Sam, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lee at Lumberton, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Wilder, at Aberdeen the past week.

### MARKET OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

#### Three Warehouses to Run This Season

#### All Preparations For the Livest and Strongest Market in Years Being Made.

Announcement that the Planters Warehouse would be run this season by Messrs. S. S. Meadows and G. M. Perry assured the patrons of the Louisburg Tobacco Market that three houses would be run here this year to accommodate the many growers who prefer to sell their tobacco on the market where it is to their best advantage. Mr. Meadows is well known to those who know of Louisburg market as one of the State's best tobacco warehousemen while Mr. Perry is well known to the tobacco farmers throughout Franklin and adjoining counties as one of the big moving spirits that made the Youngsville market so popular when in its prime. Mr. Perry was also on this market last year and made many friends. Their force has not been announced.

The market will open on Tuesday September 21st, 1926 and a full corps of buyers representing all the big companies will be on the market with good orders. Many of the buyers that were here last year will return and some new ones also. The personnel of the buyers and warehousemen will assure lively sales all the while and no stone will be left unturned that will make Louisburg of more value to the farmer. Big preparations are being made to take care of all the tobacco brought here this year to the entire satisfaction of the farmer.

As announced before the Union Warehouse will be operated by Mr. D. T. Currin, who has proven himself to be one of the best warehousemen in North Carolina, and who is determined that he is going to sell tobacco to a big advantage to the farmer this season. Mr. Currin will have associated with him some of the best judges of tobacco in the county.

The Riverside Warehouse will be run again this season by Mr. R. W. Hutcherson, who is also an A-No. 1 warehouseman who knows tobacco and fights for the farmers interests. His assistants have not been announced but it is safe to say they will be well experienced warehousemen.

Look for the individual announcements concerning the opening and running of the warehouses and get your tobacco ready for sale on the Louisburg market, where every advantage and convenience possible both on the part of the merchants and warehousemen is being made for you. Louisburg welcomes you.

### THE WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The W. M. U. met with Mrs. R. H. Griffin Wednesday afternoon, August 11th.

The meeting was begun by singing our new Missionary hymn.

Prayer, Mrs. R. H. Griffin. Scripture, Mrs. Dunham Griffin. Roll call.

Talk by Mrs. Howard Griffin: "Life in Cuba," which was greatly enjoyed. We learned from this talk that our missionary has greatly improved but that we still have much work to do.

Several other subjects were discussed by the class and new methods were taken up.

Benediction, Mrs. P. M. Sykes. After society delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. P. M. Sykes, President, Mattie Dement, Sec. and Treas.

### MT. ZION Y. W. A.

The Young Womens Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, August 17th, at the church.

Topic: "Iced Tea and other Teas." Hymn, "Jesus wants me for a Tither."

Devotional, What Jesus said about the right use of money. Matt. 6:19-20; 10:8, Luke 12:33 6:38, 12:15, 20, 21, by Miss Etta Harris.

Prayer, That we may truly publish glad tidings by Miss Annie Murphy. And yet so far, by Miss Annie Murphy. Iced Tea by Miss Nancy Burnette. Clair Tea by Miss Mamie Breedlove.

Chari Tea, by Miss Lessie Breed-Rapidi Tea by Miss Etta Harris. Hymn, "O Zion Haste."

Classing prayer, Miss Mamie Breedlove.

Our next meeting will be at the church on September 7th. All members are urged to come and all visitors will be welcome.

Mr. Hugh Egerton and son, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Egerton.

Mr. J. J. Place visited Washington, D. C., the past week.

Mr. Hiawatha Hedgepeth left for Cedarhurst, Ga., Friday after spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jao Hedgepeth. Miss Willie Mae Hedgepeth will accompany him to Newton. She will visit friends in Newton, Macon, and...