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WARD ADDRESSES TAXPAYERS

APPOINT DELEGATES TO STATE MEETING

Many Attend Tax Meeting in Court House Saturday—W. A. Neal Made Chairman—Resolutions Adopted—To Hold Other Meetings

Hon. Hallett S. Ward, of Washington, a noted speaker and vigorous leader in the campaign for property tax relief did not appear to be any more "chilled by rough weather" than did his determined and enthusiastic audience, some three hundred in number, representing each of the ten townships of Franklin County, who gathered at the Court house last Saturday afternoon with a determined mind that taxes upon property should be relieved.

The history of taxation, and the downfall of tribes, cities and countries due to unfair methods of levying taxes, were pointed out by the speaker. Declaring his purpose not to be that of fault finding and fussing, but rather of awakening our best citizens to remedy a serious situation before it was too late, Mr. Ward warned, "We are the sons and daughters of those same men who willingly wrapped this country in blood and death before they would submit to a much smaller tax upon tea than we ourselves have borne for ten years upon land,—all because it was unfair."

The remedy for this burdensome tax upon property was touched upon from many angles. A demand that the Commissioners cut the valuation of property in this county so that the tax books should speak the truth, an election to office of the County's most capable and honest citizens, a cutting down of public expense by letting certain officers serve more than one county, the combining of county institutions, and the turning over of certain clerical work to the State were offered as county remedies. State-wide relief was suggested by demanding that the State take over the support of our schools and our roads, and by the forcing of all foreign stocks back on the tax books. "Let's economize everywhere," he said, "but abolish some offices."

With pleading and thundering voice the speaker referred to the "unconstitutional, wrong, and cruel burden of school taxes," reviewed the failure of the Revaluation Act through which the farmer is still being impoverished and abused; pointed out how indifferent "the flapper politician and high mogul school teachers" were to "the voice of the tax payer whose property is being sold at the courthouse door." But all throughout his cry for relief, the speaker stopped to repeat in a soft vocal sameness "I you tax payers don't do it, though, it won't be done."

He insisted that every citizen must awaken, secure honest and fearless men for office, see that old time days be restored when every man considered it his duty to vote, and thus demand his just rights.

A meeting of the tax payers followed immediately. After electing Mr. W. W. Neal as Chairman, each township elected two representatives to attend the state-wide meeting to be held in Raleigh Monday, April 21st. Delegates elected were Messrs. Atkins Jones, W. R. Young, H. P. Speed, J. O. Williams, R. A. Perry, J. E. Wilder, Taylor Boone, Dr. S. C. Ford, G. W. May, H. F. Mitchell, W. L. Lumpkin, N. H. Griffin, E. A. Kemp, E. L. Rogers, P. W. Griffin, Arthur Collins, O. W. Ayseue, W. T. Moss, J. L. Byron, and M. M. Person.

Short discussions regarding the position to be taken by the Association towards certain questions were offered by a number of the members. Finally a set of resolutions were offered to the Association which, after having been amended and enlarged, were passed section by section unanimously. They read as follows:

Whereas, we the citizens of Franklin County, State of North Carolina, have assembled here this 19th day of April 1930 for the purpose of securing permanently Property Tax Relief; realizing that taxes imposed upon our property are unfair and exorbitant, already causing much suffering and now threatening to cause governmental disorder and the demoralization of society; realizing, also, that much of this condition has been brought about by selfish public officers, by Citizens' indifference to public duties, and by extravagance and laxity in the levying, collecting, and spending of public money; yet, being mindful of sudden and far reaching changes of commercial and agricultural conditions over which we have had insignificant control; finally, being desirous of doing that which is most expedient for our fellow citizens as well as for ourselves in distributing this tax burden which property can no longer bear alone,—

Now, therefore, be it resolved: 1. That Property owners here assembled and paying taxes in this county organize, and we do hereby organize ourselves this day as the "Franklin Property Relief Association of North Carolina."

REGISTRARS AND POLL HOLDERS

The following is a list of Registrars, Judges of Election and Alternates, appointed by the Board of Elections of Franklin County at its meeting in 20, the first two and the last named being the Democratic members:

Dunns—Registrar, J. O. Williams; Judges, E. R. Richardson, J. W. Cheaves; Alternate, H. H. Beddingfield.
Harris—Registrar, Oscar Hagwood; Judges, J. B. Wilder, J. T. Mann; Alternate, J. L. Byron.
Youngsville—Registrar, J. R. Tharrington; Judges, G. E. Winston, E. M. Mitchell; Alternate, C. E. Mitchell.
Franklinton—Registrar, M. W. Hardy; Judges, H. C. Kearney, R. U. Hicks; Alternate, A. E. Henderson.
Hayesville—Registrar, Richard Winn, Jr.; Judges, J. H. Goodson, H. H. Ayseue; Alternate, J. H. Eaves.
Sandy Creek—Registrar, W. F. Leonard; Judges, J. L. Foster, W. G. Ball; Alternate, C. B. Egerton.
Gold Mine—Registrar, J. H. Wood; Judges, E. J. Fuller, J. J. Lanier; Alternate, W. D. Upchurch.
Cedar Rock—Registrar, T. W. Stokes; Judges, T. W. Boone, J. W. Partholomew; Alternate, W. R. Fulghum.
Cypress Creek—Registrar, J. A. Boone; Judges, N. C. Moore, J. M. Lamm; Alternate, E. S. Wilder.
Louisburg—Registrar, H. W. Perry; Judges, H. E. Hight, A. L. Hicks; Alternate, S. E. Wilson.

Wood Loses in Population

Hobart Brantley, Supervisor of the Census of this District, gives out the following census information in Franklin County:

The population of Wood, Town, County of Franklin, State of North Carolina as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 121, as compared with 193 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 3 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

May Day at Louisburg College

The May Day Festivities of Louisburg College will be held on the college campus at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, May 1. Miss Elma Currin, of Henderson, has been chosen as May Queen, and Miss Tessie Smith as King. The following young ladies have been selected as attendants: Cornelia Hardy, Jessie Lough, Bernadette Woodliff, Mavis Kinlaw, Betty Mohn, Mildred Ramsey, Christine Moore, Hazel Maddrey, Cora Lee Walker, Katherine Blacklock, Lillian Newton, Mildred Nachman, Clara Martin, Marie Mitchiner. The public is cordially invited.

passed by the North Carolina Property Tax Relief Association at their meeting held March 31st. last, which Resolutions are as follows:

"1. That this convention demands that the State shall take over the support of the public schools and the cost of maintaining the public schools for the full period required by the constitution.

"2. That the State Highway Commission shall be required to take over and maintain the public roads and bridges of the public highways of the State from the funds collected by them as rapidly as the revenue will permit.

"3. That we pledge this association to the thorough and accurate study of our present tax conditions in co-operation with similar studies of counties by Associations throughout the State.

"4. That we offer through our delegates to the State Convention Meeting to be held in Raleigh April 21st, the following recommendations:

a. The repeal of the exemption of foreign stocks from taxation.

b. The increase in the rate of taxes upon estates inherited by second cousins or beyond, and likewise upon estates having a value of over \$500,000.00.

c. The increase in tax rate upon large corporate and individual incomes.

d. The levying of a tax per kilowatt-hour upon all electric power generated and sold within this state.

e. The levying of a tax upon bottled drinks and theater tickets manufactured or sold within this state.

f. The calling of a special session of the legislature to allow a 25 per cent cut in the valuation of farm lands and homes before the 1930 taxes are levied.

"5. That we demand that our county commissioners reduce the value of all homes and farm lands 25 per cent of their value as now shown on county tax books for taxation before levying taxes for this year.

"6. That the Franklin County Superintendent of Public Instruction be elected by a popular vote of the county for his term of office.

Upon Motion, the meeting then adjourned to meet again next Saturday, April 26th, at the courthouse at 2 o'clock, at which meeting the executive committee will be elected and other important discussions introduced regarding local matters.

Senatorial Nominee and Her Pal



Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormick, who defeated Senator Deenen for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator from Illinois, with her intimate friend, Alice Roosevelt Longworth (right). The man Senator Medill McCormick.

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1931 BODY ASKED BY TAXPAYERS

Raleigh, April 21.—Shifting its position from a demand that Governor Gardner call the 1929 general assembly back to Raleigh in special session, the North Carolina Tax Relief association today adopted a resolution asking his excellency to convene his 1931 assembly in extraordinary session as soon as certificates of election are ready for the new members.

If there ever has been a motion like that carried in North Carolina, historians who know everything cannot recall it. Always a special relief association desires a general assembly of members who lately have come up from the people where the cry of tax bondage has been heard. When Hallett Ward made that motion this morning with his resolution the tax relievers passed it with a whoop.

Sports In Afternoon.
The assembly today must have had 500 delegates in Raleigh. They ran over the Virginia Dare ballroom of the Sir Walter for the morning session. Half of them appeared to have abandoned the convention. And the farmer fan at the ball game between State and Wake Forest was well labeled. It was regarded a good omen. The tax relievers are not so serious that they do not still love a baseball game.

The association, which Dean Cart Taylor told the members today should have a new name, is going shortly into the business of raising finances enough to maintain the organization and keep it constantly before the public. It will inform that public with publicity taken from actual records in North Carolina. There may be some eminent Republicans in this organization; there certainly are some noted Democrats. Queerly enough they are about together. The Democrats fear that if the pressure is not lifted the state will go Republican. The Republicans do not desire to have North Carolina on their hands in its present shape.

Governor Is Praised.
In asking the general assembly to meet at the call of the governor, Mr. Ward paid high tribute to his excellency and said that it is a great pleasure to work with him, but Mr. Ward thought the executive ought to harken to the distressed people.

Larry Moore, former speaker of the house of representatives and leader of the movement for tax relief, gave some startling figures on the passing of land from control of persons who now own it. There were 64 counties present today. The note from them all was the same. The auctioneer's hammer is the most familiar sound that the farmer hears. Mr. Moore reminded his hearers that if the state would take over the school system \$19,000,000 would be sliced from the taxpayers burden. Likewise, the state by taking over all the roads can cut \$5,000,000 from that burden. The \$24,000,000 relief would be considerable, he thought. In 1928 he said there were 100,000 tracts of land advertised for taxes and in 1929 the number was 150,000. He thought the 1929 assembly was derelict in its duty, having had the report of the tax commission before it. The object of the special session of the new 1931 legislature would be purely preliminary. It is to get ready for 1931 study of taxation. The 20 day session would be a study period. The regular assembly would be the season of action.

Install New Equipment

Mr. Arch H. Bass, of Durham, representing the Wappler Electric Co., has been in town the past few days installing for Dr. H. G. Perry an X-ray and fluoroscopic unit. This will give our town a splendidly equipped office as Dr. Perry has also recently installed an ultra-violet light and high frequency diathermy machine.

Mrs. Barrow Honors Miss Barrow

One of the most elaborate post Easter season entertainments was the beautiful bridge given by Mrs. W. B. Barrow yesterday afternoon at her home on N. Main Street complimenting Miss Frances Barrow, whose approaching marriage to Mr. Richard Mac Gill of Greensboro was announced in a most unique manner.

Mrs. Barrow's home was decorated with a profusion of yellow and white spring flowers, a yellow and white color scheme being employed throughout the entire party.

At the conclusion of the usual number of progressions, an unusually odd and dainty set of breakfast room olivette tie-backs fell to the holder of high score. The announcement came at this point. Concealed in the high score prize was a most cleverly rhymed verse which told of the betrothal and mentioned May 24 as the date for the marriage. The honoree was given a handsome two piece suit of silk lingerie.

Mrs. Barrow was assisted in serving a most tempting collation consisting of ham, tomato and lettuce salad with piquant French dressing, cheese straws, saltines and coffee, by Miss Lucie Allen, Mrs. Norman Chambliss, Mrs. C. A. Ragland and Mrs. Ben T. Holden.

The hostess' afternoon guests other than the honoree were Mesdames Robert Redwine, Ross Earle, W. E. White, W. E. White Jr., W. D. Egerton, Clyde Burgess, W. B. Tucker, E. F. Griffin, Ina Rouse, J. M. Allen, Albert Wheelless, James Malone, E. H. Malone, O. Y. Yarbore, A. W. Person, K. K. Allen, A. B. Perry, F. J. Beasley, M. C. Pleasant, T. W. Watson, E. F. Thomas, H. H. Johnson, G. W. Cobb, G. M. Beam, J. B. King, John Yarbrough, R. B. Perry, S. P. Boddie, J. W. Mann, W. T. Person, W. H. Allen, R. W. Alston, and Frank Rose and Norman Chambliss, both of Rocky Mount, Misses Babbie Turner, Katherine Pleasant, Susie Meadows, Edith Bradley, Ida Mae Yow, Lonie Meadows, Edith Yarbrough, Max Allen, Anna Fuller Parham, Margaret Turner, Louise Allen, Annie Willis Boddie, Lucy Timberlake and Lucy Clifton Boddie.

Bridge Club Entertained

The Tuesday night Bridge Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Kitty Boddie, Tuesday night April 22, at eight o'clock, at her home on North Main Street. After four progressions, high score was awarded Miss Anna Gray Watson and consolation, Miss Helen Leigh Freming.

Miss Boddie served a delicious salad course, being assisted in the serving by Miss Virginia Beck.

Club members and guests present were Misses Kate Allen, Hazel Allen, Sophia Clifton, Billie Phillips, Helen Leigh Fleming, Anna Gray Watson, Francis Turner, Virginia Beck, and Margaret Wilder.

Second Tax Relief Meeting Called

The Franklin Tax Relief Association will hold a most important meeting at the Court House, Saturday, April 26th at 2 o'clock.

Each township will be expected to elect its members to the Executive Committee, and speeches will be heard dealing with our own county financial condition and proposed remedies for the present high taxes.

A question to be submitted to every candidate for office will also be discussed along with the policies of the Association.

Every citizen paying taxes in Franklin County is invited to be present, but it is especially requested that each township be well represented. W. W. NEAL, Chmn.

TAXPAYERS' GROUP FOR EACH COUNTY

Such a Plan Favored By Secretary of County Government Commission

"I would like to see a taxpayers league formed in every county in the State for the purpose of working with the commissioners in a constructive way when they go to make up their budgets and make the tax levy, and I am sure that the commissioners in every county in the State would welcome a committee to advise with them and report their findings," said Charles M. Johnson, executive secretary of the County Government Advisory Commission, in an address before the Louisburg Kiwanis Club Friday night.

"With very few exceptions," Mr. Johnson continued, "the officers in this State are honest and conscientious public servants, and no taxpayers should criticize them until he has fully informed himself and knows what he is talking about, and then put himself in their place."

Five acts were passed by the Legislature of 1927, Mr. Johnson pointed out providing for improved administration methods of county government. "The principal one," he said, "is the act which provides for a budget system which is the 'pay as you go' plan. Stated simply, this act provides a plan of action for a government looking toward a future. Prior to the passage of the budget act, the commissioners usually began the fiscal year with no plan mapped out and usually with very little idea of how much they were going to spend and the tax rate was made with a view of meeting popular demand rather than to raise the necessary funds to successfully carry on the county's affairs."

Mr. Johnson said there is a lamentable deficiency in county government in the lack of uniformity of systems of account-keeping and costs. "I expect," he said, "to ask the next General Assembly for authority to require each county to make up their budgets and set up their accounting records according to uniform methods and also for authority to publish an annual report showing the cost of the different activities of each of the 100 counties. This, of course would be valuable information for the taxpayers as well as for the officials of the different counties and the taxpayers would have an intelligent basis upon which opinion could be formed as to whether they were getting value received for their money."

To Sell Remainder Of Person Property May 1st

As will be seen from their advertisement on another page the American Auction Company will hold another big auction sale of nice residence lots in Louisburg on Thursday, May 1st, when they will sell the remainder of the Person subdivision and other lots that have been added to their number. The Person property seems to be growing in popularity. In addition to the rumors that several nice homes will be begun there in the next few weeks, local traffic is making use of the Cedar Street extension and Person street to avoid the danger of the heavy cut through which the Halifax road enters Main Street. A large crowd was in attendance at the last sale and a still larger number is expected next Thursday to hear the twin auctioneers, the splendid band, and to purchase lots.

"The Dawn of The Kingdom"

The Methodist Church of Louisburg gave Easter Cantata, "The Dawn of the Kingdom," it being rendered by the choir of that church assisted by visiting singers, Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The service was composed of three divisions, "The Prophecy," "The Dawn of the Resurrection," and "The Dawn of the Kingdom." A synopsis of each part was read preceding its rendition by the choir by Miss Evangeline Lawson, head of the department of Expression at Louisburg College.

The choir was composed of the following: Baritone, Dr. H. H. Johnson; soprano, Mrs. A. W. Mohn, Miss Margaret Turner, Mrs. S. B. Berkeley of Goldsboro, Mrs. F. M. Fuller; Alto, Mrs. Hazel Ford, Mrs. A. D. Wilcox, Mrs. W. E. White, Miss Ida Mae Yow; Bass, Messrs. Malcolm McKinnis and J. L. Palmer, Mrs. O. Y. Yarbore and organist for the service.

Franklinton Pupil Wins County Essay Contest

Maudie Hagwood of the senior class of the Franklinton High School won first place in an essay contest sponsored by the Department of Conservation of North Carolina. Her essay has been sent to Raleigh to compete in a state contest.

Franklinton Glee Club Represents District In Greensboro

The Franklinton Glee Club will go to Greensboro to represent this district in a state contest on Friday, April 25. The numbers on this contest will be broadcasted.

FRANKLIN'S ALLOTTMENT INCREASED

Farmers Who Need Help To Get More Government Money—Make Applications Early.

Through the efforts of Col. C. L. McGhee, of Franklinton, who has been constantly in touch with the officials of Washington City and Columbia, S. C., Franklin County's quota of the seven millions of dollars provided for the relief of distressed farmers by the Smith resolution in Congress has been increased to \$25,000.00 with the assurance that if this is not sufficient to provide the necessary relief it is possible for more to be secured.

In speaking of this fund Wednesday Col. McGhee expressed the idea that there must be some misunderstanding about this fund on the part of farmers in the County. This fund, he wants it understood, is for Franklin County as a whole and not for Franklinton township alone. This was suggested to him by the fact that a large majority of the applications was from Franklinton township. It is provided for farmers who have no credit rating and knowing the condition of the farmers in the County he is anxious for the funds to be used. For the convenience of the farmers in all sections of the County the four vocational teachers, G. L. Winchester, at Franklinton, T. D. O'Quinn, at Bunn, J. J. Wolfe, at Edward Best, and F. U. Wolfe, at Gold Sand, and George L. Cocke, County Accountant at Louisburg, have been secured to receive and fill out applications. If you are in need of money to make your crop see one of the above named gentlemen and learn of this plan.

R. H. BAILEY DEAD

Prominent Person County Farmer Succumbs.

Roxboro, April 20.—R. H. Bailey, age 69, prominent person county farmer, died at 9:30 Thursday night, following an illness of long duration. Death resulted from a complication of diseases.

He had been a lifelong resident of Person county, having served for 12 years as chairman of the board of county commissioners. He was married at the age of 27 to Miss Ida Clayton.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by five sons, Earnest Bailey, Raymond Bailey, both of Louisburg, John Bailey, of Burlington, Haywood Bailey, who lives on the Bailey farm as manager, and Harold Bailey, student at Wake Forest college; one daughter, Miss Lena Bailey, a school teacher at Walkertown. Mr. Bailey also had a son, who, it is said, was killed just 10 minutes before the armistice was signed in the late world war.

Funeral services were conducted from the home near Woodside Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Rev. N. J. Todd, pastor of Mill Creek Baptist church, of which Mr. Bailey was a consistent member, officiated, assisted by Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Durham.

Handicap Tournament Monday

Quite a bit of interest among golfers, and golf enthusiasts was created Monday when the Greenhill Golf Club staged a Handicap Tournament for the members of the club. There was a large number out to compete for the two excellent prizes offered by the club. A prize for low net score, and a prize for low gross.

Bob Ashley, turning in the lowest net score, won the low net prize. There were four participants to tie for the low gross—James Malone, Bob Ashley, Napier Williamson, and Frank Wheelless.

The Greenhill Golf Club is an organization that the town, in every way, should be proud of. It has developed an excellent course on the outskirts of the city, and is offering to those, who wish to play golf, an attractive membership fee. New members are welcomed into the club.

An Inter City Golf Tournament has been arranged between the clubs of Roanoke Rapids, Henderson, Warrenton, and Louisburg. The first tournament to be held on our local course will be on Wednesday May 7th, with the Henderson club as visiting contestant. There will be no charge for spectators and they are welcomed at this event.

Edward Best Commencement

The following is the order of the Commencement exercises at E. B. H. S.:

Thursday, May 1, 8:00 P. M. Declamation and Reading contests.

Sunday, May 4, 8:00 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. S. L. Randolph.

Monday, May 5, 8:00 P. M. Class Day Exercises.

Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 A. M. Commencement exercises and Address.

Tuesday, May 6, 8:00 P. M. Musical Comedy—"Gypsy Rover."

The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

T. H. SLEDGE, Pres.