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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION THREE DAYS.

Much Business Transacted—County Taxes Reduced 13 1-3 Cents—Regular Tax Levy—The Jury Box Revised.

The Board met in regular monthly session on the 3rd, 4th and 6th, all members present. Regular routine business was transacted as follows:

Virgil Mitchner, Franklinton township, was allowed to go to county home. An allowance of \$50 was made to the Louisburg Fire Company. Report of Dr. R. F. Yarbrough of the county home and jail was received and filed. The hat takers of the various townships and a number of assessors who met to receive instructions from the Board, took the oath before the chairman for the faithful performance of their duties. M. T. Hawkins, agent for his wife, was relieved of tax for 1906, error in listing. Report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of county home was received and filed. He reports 9 white and 18 colored, inmates—two having been received since last month. The report of committee to settle with C. S. C. was received and ordered recorded. Govan Cheek and others were notified to appear before the Board at next meeting and show cause why road laid out by W. W. Green and others in Hayesville township should not be made a public road.

A recommendation was made by the Board that the proposed Eastern Training School be located at Rocky Mount.

Notice was ordered to be served on W. F. Beasley to appear before Board and answer to a complaint made in regard to condition of a section of the Tarboro road said to have been caused by his canalizing his land.

Anthony Alston was stricken from pauper list—dead. The matter of levying the taxes was taken up and the following levies were made: For general county purposes, 23 2-3 cents on property and 71 cents on each poll.

For State purposes, (in accordance requirement of revenue act) 21 cents on property and 63 cents on each poll. For public schools, 18 cents on property and 54 cents on each poll. For pension 4 cents on property and 12 cents on each poll.

At this point of the proceedings the following was read to the Board: TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY GENTLEMEN:

By order of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as shown by a copy of his letter hereto attached and in compliance with provisions of Section 4112 of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina, the Board of Education of Franklin County has after a careful estimate found that the sum of Seventeen Thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars (\$17,550.00) will be necessary to maintain a public school in each district of Franklin county for the period of four months during the school year beginning July 1, 1907 and ending June 30th 1908.

Your attention is further called to the fact that all receipts of money which may be used for school purposes will not exceed sixteen thousand and five hundred dollars; That applications to the State for aid from the second \$100,000 appropriation have always been cut down, owing to the fact that the demands from the various counties of the State are in excess of the amount available.

That therefore the amount in any view of the situation available for the schools of this county will be insufficient to maintain our schools four months.

This 3rd day of June, 1907.
Jno. C. Winstan Chairman.
R. B. White Secretary.
In accordance with above mandate

the Board passed the following:

WHEREAS, it is made to appear to the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, from the written report of the Board of Education of Franklin County, filed in this office and above set out, that the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$17,550.00) will be necessary to maintain a public school in each school district of Franklin County for the period of four (4) months during the school year beginning July 1st, 1907, and ending June 30th, 1908.

AND WHEREAS the total income for public income for public school purposes in Franklin County from all sources, at the present tax rate or levy, is only Sixteen Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00), leaving a deficiency of One Thousand and Fifty Dollars (\$1,050.00).

AND WHEREAS, the present tax rate in the said County for State and County purposes, exclusive of special taxes levied by legislative authority, is already sixty-six and two-third (66-2-3) cents on One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of property, and Two Dollars (\$2.00) on each taxable poll.

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners are commanded by the Constitution of North Carolina, to-wit—Sections 1, 2, and 3, Article IX; Sec. 27, Article 1; and sec. 4, Article VI, and by the Status law of the State, to-wit—section 4112 of Revisal of 1905, "If the tax levied for the State for the support of the public schools shall be insufficient to maintain one or more schools in each school district for a period of four (4) months," to levy annually a special tax to supply the deficiency for the support and maintenance of such schools for the period of four (4) months or more.

AND WHEREAS, in order to make up such deficiency, it will require a special tax levy of one cent on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of property and of three cents on every taxable poll;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, in accordance with said requirement, besides and in addition to the tax levied for general and other purposes, do hereby levy, for the fiscal year beginning June 1st, 1907, and ending May 31st, 1908, a special tax of one cent on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of property, and three cents on every taxable poll, within the said County, to supply the deficiency for the support and maintenance of the public schools within said County for the period of four months, during the year beginning July 1st, 1907, and ending June 30th, 1908.

The same levy was made under schedules B & C as that made by the State, except where forbidden by law.

It appearing from the report of the Treasurer of the county that there has accumulated some surplus in the Bridge Fund, and in the Bond Fund, now upon recommendation of said Treasurer, it is ordered, that the special tax levy for bridges be only 5 cents on the property and 15 cents on the poll.

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer the special taxes heretofore levied for payment of county bonds, and for the poor for the current year, were not levied, there being sufficient funds in the Treasury to meet these demands for the present.

The special levy for Louisburg township roads was made at 25 cents on property and 75 cents on the poll.

For Louisburg Graded School district 10 cents on property and 30 cents on the poll, W. E. Uzsell to take tax list.

For Franklinton Graded School district 35 cents on property, and \$1.05 on the poll, E. W. Morris to take tax list.

For Ingleside, Pilot and Mapleville, special school districts, 20 cents on property and 60 cents on the poll.

Gen. W. Brown was appointed to take lists in Ingleside, E. L. Best in Mapleville and B. F. Peares in Pilot districts.

N. B. Young was authorized to confer with W. F. Beasley in regard to constructing a bridge across a stream on Tarboro road, and make such contract as he considers equitable.

Jurors were drawn for August court. (List will be found in another column.)

The Board met yesterday to revise the jury box.

An Important Step.

The action of the Board of Commissioners in the levy of a special tax of one cent for school purposes will be recognized in educational circles as a step of state wide importance and the circumstances and reasons for this will doubtless be of interest to our readers.

Under the decision in Balkdale vs Commissioners of Sampson county, over twenty years ago, such a levy was declared unconstitutional, though by a divided court, chiefly upon the ground that public schools were not a necessary expense. Since the adoption of the constitutional Amendment however, the situation has changed, and it is the opinion of the best lawyers now that not only is such a levy constitutional but that the law is mandatory and upon failure of the commissioners to take such action, they would be liable to indictment. Section IX, article 37 of the constitution of North Carolina is as follows:

"Each county of the State shall be divided into a convenient number of districts in which one or more public schools shall be maintained at least four months every year; and if the Commissioners of the county shall fail to comply with the aforesaid requirements of this section, they shall be liable to indictment."

Section 4112 of the Revisal of 1905 carries into effect this provision of the constitution, making it the duty of the Board of Education to submit a statement of the amount necessary to maintain a four months school, and requiring the commissioners to levy such additional tax as may be necessary.

Letters were received from the State Superintendent calling attention to the law and asking that it be carried out. The action of the Board of Education and of the Commissioners was taken in pursuance of this direction.

We understand that the court will be asked to pass upon the matter so that the action of the Commissioners may be sustained and the interests of the county protected, and also to establish once for all the principle. It is in this last phase that the matter becomes so important and it is probable that old Franklin county will be found again in the lead and the action of the Commissioners will be the most valuable step in the educational progress of the State in recent years.

It should be said also regarding the schools of Franklin county that we have been having practically a four months term, but this has been accomplished only through aid from what is known as the State appropriation of the second \$100,000. This appropriation is growing more and more insufficient. The increased cost of living, the growing demand for teachers, and educational progress in general have caused larger demands from all the counties till all requests have to be scaled down.

Of course in view of the amount, it is a small matter, so far as concerns Franklin county, since the tax of one cent is as small as could be levied, but looking at the importance of the principle involved and of what it means to the whole State, we are glad that Franklin county should be the one to lead the way.

Argo Red Salmon has the "Moorish" taste, the more you eat the more you want.

CITY DADS IN SESSION.

THEY HELD THEIR SECOND MEETING LAST TUESDAY.

Claud Tucker Re-elected Night Policeman—Salaries of Several Officers Raised—Salaries of Commissioners Abolished.

The "City Dads" held their second meeting last Tuesday evening; Mayor Yarbrough presided.

The first business was the receipt of reports from various officers. The Mayor appointed the following Committees:

Street—Ford, Bailey, Bart, Alston.

Light—Bailey, Cooper, Ford.

Water—Alston, Bart, Alston.

Finance—Bart, Bailey, Alston.

Auditing—Cooper, Alston, Bailey and the Clerk.

Building—Ford, Alston, Cooper.

Ordinances—Bailey, Bart and Attorney.

Sanitary—Entire Board.

Bart and Alston were appointed to look after necessary repairs to top of Opera House.

J. C. Tucker was unanimously re-elected Night Policeman at a salary of \$40 per month.

It was ordered that the office adjoining Mayor's office be used for the Clerk and Superintendent of Lights, and that a cheap house be built near Power House for storage of oil, etc.

The salaries of Superintendent Back, was raised to \$100 per month, that of J. M. Person, Night Operator at Power House, to \$65, and that of D. C. High, Chief of Police, to \$89 per month.

The salary of T. W. Watson, Treasurer, placed at \$250 as the first meeting of the New Board, was raised to \$300, and his bond for \$10,000 was tendered and accepted—the signers thereof being, T. W. Bickett, F. N. Egerton, C. T. Stokes, A. A. Clifton, K. P. Hill.

The Commissioners salaries, which have been \$25 were abolished. The water committee was authorized to purchase necessary metres and install same as soon as possible. The time and hour of meetings of the Board was agreed upon—Tuesday night before first Monday in each month at 8:30 o'clock. It was unanimously adopted that a fine \$10 be imposed upon each member who was not present at regular meetings, without a lawful excuse.

Severe Hall Storm.

A severe wind and hail storm passed over sections of the county on Wednesday. The crops of farmers in portions of the townships of Harris, Cypress Creek, Cedar Rock and Louisburg, were badly damaged. A large number of trees were uprooted and a number of outhouses blown down. No one has been reported as being bodily injured.

Alston-King Marriage.

Miss Tempe Louisa King and Capt. Phil G. Alston were united in marriage on last Wednesday morning at nine o'clock at Belford M. E. Church near Castalia. Rev. W. H. Kirton performing the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and roses and crowded with a large number of friends to witness the ceremony. Miss Christie Wheeler sang most sweetly "Constancy" after which the bridal party entered. The ushers were Prof. G. R. King, Mr. J. N. Sills, Dr. Newell and Mr. Sam Alston. The flower girl and ring bearer, little Misses Ruby Bartholomew and Margaret Gray Coffie. Mrs. Herbert Boone was dame of honor and Miss Edna Williams, maid of honor. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's father where the couple were showered with congratulations and good wishes. The bride who is

daughter of Mr. Wm. J. King possesses in the fullest degree those charming womanly qualities that grant the true lady and make her a prize indeed to win. The groom is an honored and popular citizen, a brave Confederate soldier, and a fine type of the old-fashioned southern gentleman. The bridal party proceeded to Nashville where Capt. and Miss Alston took a train for the Jamestown Exposition and eastern points of interest.

The friends extend its hearty congratulations and very best wishes.

Tribulation Hall.

The following proceedings have taken place in Mayor Yarbrough's court since our last report.

Louis Foster and "Slick" Brown were required to answer to the charge of "disorderly conduct" and were assessed \$5 and costs each.

Will Brown and C. W. Sharrin, charged with an affray in which deadly weapons were used were bound over to next term of the Superior Court.

A Sad Home and Hearts.

On the twenty-eighth of May 1907, the home of Mr. Moses Alford was saddened with grief when the "Death Angel of Heaven" came and claimed as its own the soul of the dear baby "Little Susie" only ten months old. She was a sweet bright eyed little one and the pride and joy of that home. The remains were taken to the Alford burying ground on the twenty-ninth and laid to rest.

The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

"Weep no more dear parents, Weep no more for me, I am resting with Jesus, over the Jordan sea."

A FRIEND.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Louisburg, N. C., uncalled for:

Miss Rales Allen, Mrs. Alley Blackwelder, Mrs. Lizzie Conner, Mr. H. B. Dunston, Mr. Mack Fogg, W. P. Harris, Mrs. Hattie Jeffry, Lee's Practical Business College, Miss Patsie Lawren, Mr. George Mitchell, Mr. A. J. Modien, Miss Annie Newkirk, Miss Emeline Neak, Miss Mary Watson, Miss N. B. Perry, Mrs. Francis Westman, Orange Williams.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

R. R. HARRIS, P. M.

Fred Hicks returned home yesterday from Trinity College.

Mrs. Gregory, of Oxford, is visiting her son, Mr. O. C. Gregory.

Miss Fannie Weddell has returned from Richmond, Va., where she went for treatment.

Dr. S. C. Ford returned this week from Baltimore where he received his diploma as a "full-fledged" dentist.

Mr. R. S. McCole, a prominent lawyer of Henderson, was in Louisburg on professional business yesterday.

Mr. T. W. Bickett delivered an address at the closing exercises of the Weldon Graded School on Wednesday night of this week.

Miss Ava Aycock has returned home from Durham, where she has been attending the Conservatory of Music. Miss Gladie Aycock attended the Commencement last week and returned with Miss Ava.

Rev. R. L. Davis, State Lecturer of the Anti-Slavery League, was here last Sunday and occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church, morning and night. His light is against the sale of liquor, in any form, and he gave some very strong arguments to that effect.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Moving-Removers, Some Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Mr. J. H. Thomas is visiting his people in Hillsboro.

Rev. L. S. Massey attended Trinity Commencement this week.

Mr. F. A. Farrell went to Rocky Mount on professional business.

W. F. Davis, of Norfolk, visited Monday to visit his people here.

Miss Allen Sprall left this week to visit friends in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. F. B. McInnes left Wednesday to visit friends in Danville.

L. R. Hargrove has returned from a visit to his people in Chatham county.

Frank and Elliott Egerton are home from Trinity to spend vacation.

Miss Bennett, of Charlotte, was the guest of Mrs. R. G. Hart this week.

Miss Kernal Bellamy, of Nashville, Tenn., is here taking rest under Mrs. Jennie Yates.

Miss Mamie K. London, left Monday this week to visit her old home in Maryland.

Miss Helen Owsen has returned from a visit to friends in South Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. J. P. Hill and Miss Martha Mann returned Wednesday from a visit to Nashville.

Mrs. Ann Person and Miss Ann Edwin Parris, of Greensboro, are visiting at Dr. J. E. Malone's.

Mrs. R. R. Harris went to Raleigh on Tuesday to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. J. P. Guiley.

Mr. W. P. Hayman, of Tyrone county, was in town this week, and paid the editor a pleasant visit.

Dr. Geo. T. Winston, President of the A. & M. College, at Raleigh, visited his sister, Mrs. F. S. Sprall, here this week.

W. L. Barringer, T. P. A. of the S. A. L., located at Columbia, S. C., was here this week to visit his sister, Mrs. R. G. Hart.

Mrs. Fred H. Battle and Mr. J. A. Turner were among those who attended the Alston-King marriage at Belford this week.

Mr. T. W. Davis and daughter, Miss Nappie, who have been visiting relatives in and near Louisburg, returned to Raleigh this week.

Dr. E. S. Green and bride who were married in Monroe last week, are spending this week with his people here. They will leave for their home this afternoon.

W. E. White left Tuesday morning for Raleigh to attend the Annual Meeting of the State Undertakers Association, which was in session from June 4th to 6th.

Mr. H. P. Taylor, after spending several weeks in Hillsboro, where he went for treatment, arrived home last Friday. His friends are glad to see him looking so well.

Mrs. A. M. Hill and daughter, Misses Grace and Lynn, returned from Richmond, where they had gone to replenish the stock for the Hackett store, Tuesday evening.

Messrs. C. V. Williams and E. T. Dunningham left this week for Raleigh where they will operate the merry-go-round. Mr. Williams's wife, who had been visiting his home, returned with him.

The editor had the pleasure of meeting this week Mr. Joe Harris, of Lynchburg, Va., who was called home on account of the illness of his mother, whose condition we regret to say is not very favorable.