

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE BOARD MET ON THE 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH.

Right Much Business Attended to—Taxes Levied—A Reduction of Two and Two-Third Cents—Jury List Revised.

The Board met on the 7th, 8th and 9th, and attended to right much business—the main reason for over one day's meeting being to revise the jury list.

After reading and approving minutes of last meeting the regular routine business was taken up.

Dick Davis, Mrs. Mat. Evans and Wm. Copeland were stricken from the pauper list—the two last being dead. J. H. Cooke was appointed committee to meet with committee from Vance regarding the building of a bridge across Tar river, near Railroad.

John Day was relieved of poll tax over age.

N. B. Young was appointed to make repairs made on Ferrall's bridge. E. M. Gupton was appointed to look after bridge at Laurel.

The Board agreed to spend \$400 on Perry mill bill, provided one-half of same be paid by private subscription, which was guaranteed by McKinne Brothers.

John Terry, colored, was sent to county home until further orders.

S. J. Murray a confederate soldier was allowed to peddle without license with horse and wagon.

W. E. Uzzell and M. E. Winston, takers for Louisburg and Youngsville came before the Board and were worn in according to law, by the Chairman.

Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Superintendent of Health, showed that jail and county home were in good condition.

E. N. Williams, Superintendent of county home, reported 10 white and 4 colored inmates. Two received and one death since last report.

The Board accepted the proposition from the U. S. Government to make a map of the county—one-half to be paid by this Board, the other half by the Board of Education. Cost of same \$750.00—300 copies to be furnished.

The following tax levy was made: State 21 cents on property. Pension 4 cents on property and 12 cents on poll. Schools, 23 cents on real property and \$1.50 on poll. County General 23 cents on property and 33 cents on poll. Bridge 4 cents on property. Louisburg township roads 25 cents on property and 5 cents on poll. No tax levy was made for the poor, the general fund being sufficient to meet the expense of this fund. [Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer no poor tax was levied and the general county levy was placed at 23 cents, a net reduction of two and two-third cents in the hundred. In Louisburg township this means a net reduction of even and two-thirds—the graded school tax having been reduced 5 cents.—EDITOR.]

The same levies as heretofore were made in all of the special school and graded school districts, except Louisburg where a reduction of 5 cents on the property and 15 cents on the poll was made. A number of accounts were allowed, the jury list was revised and the Board adjourned to next regular meeting.

### Mass Meeting.

In response to the call published in the TIMES of last week a number of citizens of Louisburg met in the Opera House on Tuesday night.

Upon motion J. A. Thomas was elected temporary chairman and W. H. Ruffin, temporary secretary. The object of the meeting as explained by the chairman, was for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of

Commerce, or some such organization, the aims of which will be for the general betterment of the town and community and to encourage the establishment of various needed enterprises.

Nearly every man present gave in his name to become a member of the organization, and after some discussion it was unanimously adopted that the Chairman appoint a committee of five to formulate by laws suggest a name for the organization and recommend officers to a meeting to be held on Friday night June 18th. The committee named are W. H. Ruffin, Wm. Bailey, L. P. Hicks, P. A. Reavis, R. Z. Egerton.

A majority of those present expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the movement. There is no reason why every citizen of Louisburg should not become an enthusiastic member of the organization, as it may mean much for Louisburg.

### As to Tax Listing.

In past years there have been some people who would not list their taxes before the appointed township list takers, but would wait later to list before the county commissioners. This course may have been prompted by ulterior motives, but we will not argue that point. We will say, however, that those who have practiced that way of listing in the past had better not do so again unless they prefer to pay double tax. The last legislature passed a very stringent law on this point and leaves the county commissioners no discretion in the matter except to follow the law. The entire month of June is set apart for listing and that is time enough, and every person subject to tax had just as well step up and do his duty.

### Children's Day.

On Saturday, June 19th, Children's Day exercises will be held at Shiloh M. E. Church. It will be an all day service. Rev. W. A. Ferrall will deliver a Sunday School address in the afternoon. Public cordially invited.

### Norfolk and Southern Summer Rates.

The Norfolk and Southern has issued big "flyers" announcing their summer rates, which includes season and week end tickets. These reduced rates apply from all points and on all branches. On Sundays you can go from Raleigh to Morehead city and return, giving you five hours in Morehead, for \$2.50. Week end tickets from Raleigh to Morehead, which lasts from Saturday morning until the following Tuesday are \$4.50.

This road is well equipped with nice cars and is giving excellent service. For full particulars apply to H. C. Hudgins, General Passenger Agent, Norfolk, Va., who will be glad to give you all information in detail.

### Death of Little Child.

A peculiarly sad death occurred in Spring Hope, N. C., on Tuesday morning, June 1, 1909, when after a brief illness of two days, died little Benjamin Batton, only child of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Matthews, aged nine and one-half months. "Little Ben" was a remarkably bright and winsome baby, and his death brought sorrow to many hearts besides those of his grief-stricken parents. The burial took place in the Spring Hope cemetery on Wednesday morning, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. B. E. Stanfield of the Methodist church assisted by Rev. Mr. Putnam of the Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are both natives of Franklin county. Mr. Matthews once lived in Louisburg, and Mrs. Matthews was before marriage Miss Mattie Lou Boulton, well known as a teacher. L. B.

## TOWN FATHERS MEET.

REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.

In Addition to Routine Business the Board Passed Two Important Resolutions Regarding Water and Lights.

The "city fathers" met in regular monthly session last Friday night—ALL members present.

Mayor Yarborough presided as usual, and the first business was the reading of reports from various officers.

The usual monthly salaries were allowed.

An allowance of \$100 was made to the Louisburg Fire Department to defray expenses of delegates to State Fireman's Association which meets in Asheville in July.

An allowance was made for Police uniforms.

The following resolutions were passed:

"That the Chairman of the Light Committee be instructed to advertise to the public that the town will do the wiring for all property users of electric lights in town; the customers furnishing all material, the town to do the wiring FREE. When concealed work is done or wanted, and carpenter work is necessary, such expense to be borne by the subscriber."

"That the Chairman of the Water Committee be instructed to have the tap and water connection made FREE for sixty days—same not to be over 20 feet to side walk. Customer to open the ditch.

The Chairmen of the Water and Light Committees were ordered to ascertain the number of patrons who were on flat and meter rates and to order as many meters as were necessary to put all patrons on meters.

The report of T. W. Watson, retiring Treasurer, was presented and referred to committee on Audit and Finance.

The Board adjourned to next regular meeting.

### Farmers County Union.

Franklin county Union was organized by State Organizer J. Z. Green in the court house at Louisburg, N. C., last Friday with the following officers:

H. D. Egerton, President.  
W. T. Wilder, Vice-President  
Prof. T. H. Sledge, Secretary and Treasurer.  
Rev. D. T. Bunn, Chaplain.  
J. W. Bartholomew, Doorkeeper.  
W. D. Bowden, Conductor.  
Executive Committee: C. W. Roberts, Morgan Gupton and R. N. Mitchell.

Mr. W. D. Harrington, local organizer, has been doing fine work in Franklin. Mr. Harrington is the youngest organizer in the field and he had never done any organizing work until he went to Franklin county. He has the energy and persistency to succeed at anything he attempts.

Franklin County Union starts off well and county officials are men of wisdom and experience in the world. We can depend upon such men as these for faithful and loyal support of the Union—Carolina Union Farmer.

### Our Graded Schools.

As stated in a former issue the Trustees of the Louisburg Graded Schools unanimously re-elected Prof. W. R. Mills, Superintendent, Prof. E. L. Best, Principal, and Miss Mary W. Yarborough, Mrs. Rosamond Ragsdale, Miss Georgie Joyner and Miss Mary Best teachers, being the same corps of teachers who taught the year just passed.

At their meeting this week they re-elected E. N. Dent, Principal of the colored school, and also all of the same teachers save one, Nina

Dent was elected in place of Lucy Person.

The finances of the school are in fine condition. All interest on bonds have been promptly paid, ample provision has been made for the sinking fund and, finding a surplus in hand and every current debt paid, the Board of Trustees have just reduced the tax levy to 45 cents on the \$100 and \$1.35 on the poll. This speaks well for the school, its excellent management and the support given same. The attendance for the last year was the best ever had. The amount authorized for the tax levy is 58 1-3 cents on the \$100 worth of property, but after the dispensary went out the levy was made only 50 cents for the first year under the new order of finances, and now the levy has been reduced to 45 cents on the \$100 worth of property. Upon a valuation of \$1,067,231 worth of property the insolvent property tax was only \$12.65, the total insolvent polls and property was less than \$200. These figures alone speak in high commendation of our Sheriff and his excellent tax collector Mr. R. W. Hudson.

### Fire at Pine Ridge.

Charles Beddingfield, who lives at Pine Ridge, in this county, had the misfortune to lose his crib and a large quantity of corn, fodder and other roughness by fire last Thursday night. The crib was discovered to be on fire about one o'clock Friday morning. There is no theory as to how the fire started.

### Marriages.

During the month of May the Register of Deeds issued license to the following couples:

WHITE—R. H. Riddick and Ida M. Layton; R. W. Sturdivant and Mammie E. Evans, Ben Carlye and Nola Murray, W. L. Cooper and Margaret Hunt.

COLORED—Charlie Allen and Jennie Perry, Herbert Cooke and Sallie Perry, Arthur Perry and Nancy Dent, Willie Strickland and Roxie Davis.

### Now is the Time to Sow Cow-Peas.

June is the best time to sow peas for hay. They will make more vine growth than sown later. Then do not expect to eat your cake and keep it, too. That is, do not expect that sowing peas on poor land and taking the crop off and returning no manure to the land is going to improve it, because it will on the other hand, run it down. Peas, while they get nitrogen from the air, are greedy consumers of the phosphoric acid and potash in the soil, and you cannot get these from the air. The value of the pea crop consists in its ability to save you the purchase of nitrogen, and to give you valuable feed to return to the soil and increase the humus contents. Therefore, if the improvement of the soil is the main object, as it should be, you should feed the crop with acid phosphate and potash and thus enable it to do more nitrogen fixing for you.

It is a good plan to mix cowpeas and soy beans half and half. The more erect character of the beans will help to hold up the peas and the crop will be more easily harvested. Try sowing a bush variety of peas among the corn, and when the leaves begin to fall sow crimson clover among them, and you will have a fine crop to turn under for cotton the next season. Also sow crimson clover among the cotton and have the corn to turn for corn. But where peas are sown along among corn the best plan is to cut the corn off and shock it and then disk the peas down and sow oats in September to be followed by peas for hay and crimson clover for cotton, and then crimson clover among cotton for corn.—Progressive Farmer.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mr. Jordan Jones is visiting his people in Louisburg.

Mr. Jones Macon, of Raleigh, is visiting his people here.

Miss Martha Winston, of Youngsville, is visiting the editor's family.

Mrs. T. F. Pettus, of Wilson, is visiting her uncle, Mr. E. N. Egerton.

Miss Evelyn Gardner, of Portsmouth, Va., is visiting at Mr. E. H. Sine's.

Rev. F. A. Bishop left Monday for Wilmington to spend two or three weeks.

Mr. F. B. McKinne and family have been visiting their people in Johnston this week.

Mr. P. C. Holmes, of High Point, spent Saturday and Sunday with his people near Louisburg.

Mr. A. C. Zollicoffer, one of Henderson's prominent lawyers, spent a few hours in Louisburg on Tuesday.

Mr. J. R. Collier is attending the meeting of the grand lodge of Pythians, in session at Hendersonville this week.

Miss Mamie Brown, who is a trained nurse in the hospital at Amityville, N. Y., is visiting her people in Louisburg.

Misses Beasis Cobb and Helen Bell, of Elizabeth City, remained over Sunday from the Conference, guests of Mrs. B. G. Hicks.

Misses Margie Macon, Imma Harris, and Annie Bell Harris have all returned from Greensboro, where they attended school at the State Normal.

Mr. Willie T. Clifton, of Waco, Texas, arrived Sunday and has been shaking hands with his host of friends ever since. They are all glad to see him. He will be here about two weeks.

Mr. C. H. McLaurin, who has been teaching the past year at Southport, and who has been visiting relatives in Louisburg, left yesterday for a business trip to Red Springs, N. C.

Senator B. T. Holden and Mrs. J. P. Winston and son, William, went down to Selma to attend the "silver wedding" of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston, on last Friday. The Senator reports a "delightful time," and says the handsome presents made him long to be one of those "old" fellows himself.

Mr. Jno. A. Tucker and wife spent a few days in Louisburg this week, and left on Wednesday for Ocean View, Va., where, on the 15th they will again take charge of the Virginia Bay Hotel for the summer. Their many friends and patrons in this section and throughout the State, who generally go to the seashore, will be delighted to know that Mr. Tucker and his good wife will again welcome them at the Virginia Bay, which is one of the most popular places on the Beach.

### Political Debts.

Mr. Taft in his appointment of Judge Connor set a wholesome example in one respect, at least, namely, the disregarding party obligations in filling public positions. It is all right for a man to be true to his friends and, all other things equal, to give them the preference in his appointments; but when other things are not equal it is wrong to foist upon the people a man for the sole and simple reason that he has been useful in carrying out the political plans of the administration. This thing of paying political debts with public office, without the least

regard to the fitness of the applicant has become a trifle too common. Of course it is the way to build up a machine, but the people are not particularly interested in the political machine. Public office is a public trust and not a personal and private soap. Take the late management of the penitentiary for example. It demonstrated its fitness by putting the State's prison on a paying basis, changing it from a bar den to a revenue-producer. Under the new administration these faithful public servants are put out of office and a new management is established. It remains to be seen how they will conduct the business, but it is a fearful risk to change an efficient management, who have proved their fitness by their fine service to the State, and entrust the institution to new men who may or may not show themselves capable of managing it. All this for what? Why, because the old officials saw fit to exercise the privilege of voting in the primary as they pleased. Here is the State, that must foot the bill in case of failure, helpless to remedy the matter in which it alone is the responsible party. This debt-paying business on the part of the administration is carried a trifle too far. It is time to call a halt. The people may go hang, but the friends of the Governor must be rewarded. It is a matter that ought to engage the attention of the public a little.—Charity and Children

### A Matter of Business.

An exchange makes the following timely remarks:

"Don't get it into your head to pay the newspaper man as an act of charity—that he has to live, and feel that you had just as well help a little. A newspaper is just as legitimate a business as the dry goods or grocery business, and it is just as necessary to the building of the town as any other business. Further than that, every man in the country gets the benefit of the paper whether he is a subscriber or not. The editor does more for the development of the country than any other one man, if he has the good of the country at heart. Don't figure that he has to be an editor to make a living, either. The majority of them can do other things, too.

"So, as you are getting benefit from the home paper, don't you think you ought to subscribe for it and help the editor to do a good work—not as an act of charity, but as a matter of business and self-interest? We do."

### SUMMER CARE OF HORSES.

A great many horses are laid up every summer with sore shoulders. This can be remedied in a very large measure with sense and care.

A good horse collar is the main part of the harness and fit the animal's neck perfectly.

The collar should be kept clean at all times and the horse's shoulders well washed and brushed daily.

Much dust and dirt arise in the fields and on the roads during the warm season, and this is caught and held on the moist and sweaty shoulders and collar, there to form hard lumps and ridges.

Every time the collar is put on the horse it should be examined for those lumps and ridges. If any are found they should be carefully brushed and rubbed away.

After each day's work, especially in warm weather, bathe and clean the shoulders with a mixture of warm water, salt and soda.

Hot water is one of the best-known natural agents for relieving soreness due to sprains, bruises and excessive pressure of the animal body. Salt and soda are healing disinfecting agents.

A little alum and tannic acid, the juice from the bark or leaves of oak or willow trees, will heal and toughen the skin and should, be applied with warm water.