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BOARD ROAD TRUSTEES MET AND ORGANIZED ON MONDAY.

Executive Committee Elected. Who Met and Organized—The New Road Law—To Meet Again First Monday in April.
According to the requirement of the new road law for Louisburg township the Board of Trustees met on Monday afternoon and perfected their organization. All members were present except one and the following officers were elected:

J. H. Ussell, Chairman.
F. B. McKinne, Secretary.
J. R. Collier, Treasurer.
C. B. Cheatham, W. H. Allen and E. A. Kemp, Executive Committee.

As this meeting was called for the purpose of perfecting the organization the Board then adjourned to meet again at 12:30 o'clock on the first Monday in April.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Trustees the Executive Committee met and organized by electing officers as follows:

C. B. Cheatham, Chairman.
F. B. McKinne, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, will be Secretary to Executive Committee also.

No other business was attended to and the committee adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in April.

From the law, which follows, it will be seen that the object of this action is to place the work in the hand of people in the township, it being a township affair, and to relieve the Commissioners of this amount of work. They have done this work exceedingly well in the past for which our people are very appreciative, but there is no doubt that the new system will prove a great improvement over the old one. The law follows:

An act to provide good roads in Louisburg township, Franklin county. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That F. B. McKinne, J. R. Collier, W. H. Allen, John H. Uzzell, C. B. Cheatham, E. A. Kemp, Herbert H. Harris, W. T. Wilder and A. W. Wilson, Jr., are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees for the public roads of Louisburg township in Franklin county. The first three shall hold the said position of trustees for six years, the next three for four years, and the last three for two years. At the expiration of the terms of any, their successors shall be elected for six years by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin county. All vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal from the said township shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members of said board:

Provided, that the position of trustee shall not constitute an office within the meaning of article seven section fourteen of the Constitution of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. That the said board of trustees and their successors shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name and style of "The Board of Road Trustees of Louisburg Township," and by that name may sue and be sued, make contracts, acquire real and personal property, by gift, purchase, or devise; hold, exchange and sell the same, and exercise such other rights and privileges as are incident to other municipal corporations.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the said board of trustees to take control and management of the roads of said Louisburg township, and said trustees are hereby vested with all the rights and powers for such control and management as are now vested in and exercised by the board of county commissioners for Franklin county: Provided, nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to bridges over Tar river.

Sec. 4. The board of trustees

shall annually elect a chairman, secretary and treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of all road funds of the township, and may be required to give bond in sufficient amount to cover funds coming into his hands. The board of trustees shall annually elect three of their number, who shall constitute and be known as the Executive Committee. This committee shall meet at stated intervals, as may be directed by the trustees, shall have a chairman and secretary, shall order and issue vouchers payment of general expenses connected with working roads and the purchase of machinery and implements which said vouchers shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of said committee and a record thereof kept; and the board of trustees may delegate to said executive committee any and all of its powers, except that of issuing bonds.

Sec. 5. The said board of trustees shall annually elect a superintendent of roads for Louisburg township, who shall be paid such compensation out of the road fund of said township as may be fixed by said trustees, and who shall hold office for one year or until his successor shall be elected and qualified: Provided, that said superintendent may at any time be removed by said board, after having been given ten days notice and a hearing, when in the opinion of the board there exists good and sufficient cause for such removal. It shall be the duty of said superintendent, subject to the approval of the board, to supervise, direct and have charge of the maintenance and construction of all public roads in Louisburg township, and he shall submit to said executive committee a monthly report concerning the work in progress and the moneys expended, and such reports as may be required of him. As a guarantee of the faithful and honest discharge of the duties of his office the said board may require of said superintendent such bond as may be deemed advisable.

Sec. 6. The said board of trustees may purchase such machinery and implements as may be needed for the proper working and construction of the roads, may employ a competent engineer or surveyor, and may exercise such other powers and privileges as may be needed for the carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this act: Provided, that no person shall be subject to road duty.

Sec. 7. That the superintendent of roads of Louisburg township is hereby authorized to enter upon any uncultivated land near to or adjoining any public road of said township, to cut out and carry away timber, except trees or groves on improved land planted or left for shade or ornament; to dig or cause to be dug and carry away any gravel, sand, clay or stone which may be necessary to construct, improve or repair such road, and enter upon any lands adjoining or lying near such roads, in order to make such drains or ditches through the same as he may deem necessary for the betterment of the road, and the drains and ditches so made shall not be obstructed by the occupants of such lands or any other person, and person obstructing such drain or ditch shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days. If the owner of any land from which timber, stone, clay, gravel or sand were taken, as aforesaid, shall present an account for the same through said superintendent to said board of executive committee within thirty days after the taking thereof, it shall be the duty of said board to pay for the same at a fair price; and in case of any disagreement as to the value, the superintendent of roads shall appoint one freeholder, the person claiming the damages a second, and these two a third, which said

three freeholders shall assess said damages and report the same in writing to the superintendent of roads.

Sec. 8. That said superintendent of roads, with the approval of the trustees or executive committee, is hereby given discretionary power to locate, re-locate or change any part of any public road in said township, when in his judgment the same will prove advantageous to public travel; that when any person on whose land the new road is to be located claims damages therefor, and within thirty days petitions said board of trustees for a jury to assess the damages, the said trustees shall, within not less than fifteen nor more than sixty days of the completion of said road, order a jury of three disinterested freeholders of Louisburg township, to be selected and summoned by the Sheriff of Franklin county, as provided by law, who shall give said land owner forty-eight hours notice of the time and place when and where the said jury will meet to assess his damages; and said jury, in considering the question of damages, shall also take into consideration the benefits to the owner of the land, and if such benefits be considered equal to or greater than the damages sustained, the jury shall so declare it and shall report its finding in writing to said trustees for revision and confirmation: Provided, that such owner may appeal to the Superior Court of Franklin county from the decision of said trustees.

Sec. 9. That the said board of road trustees shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of said Louisburg township, to be styled "Louisburg Township Bonds," to an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars, of such denomination and of such proportion as said board may deem advisable; bearing interest from the date of issue thereof at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable annually or semi-annually, as may be deemed best, at such time or times and at such place or places as may be deemed advisable by said board; said bonds to be signed by the chairman and secretary of said board, and to be of such form and tenor and transferable in such way, and the principal thereof payable or redeemable at such time or times, not exceeding forty years from the date thereof, and at such place or places as said board of trustees may determine. None of said bonds shall be disposed of for a less price than their par value, and the said bonds may be issued at such time or times, and in such amount or amounts as may be deemed best to meet the expenditures provided for in this act. The liability for the payment of said bonds, together with all interest that may be due thereon, shall be attached to and imposed upon the political division of Franklin county known as Louisburg township, as constituted at the time of the ratification of this act.

Sec. 10. That for the purpose of providing for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, and for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the roads of said township, the board of county commissioners shall, annually, and at the time of levying the county taxes, levy and lay a special tax on all persons and property subject to taxation within the limits of said Louisburg township, of not less than fifteen cents and not more than twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of property, and not less than forty five cents and not more than seventy-five cents on each taxable poll. The taxes so levied shall be collected as other taxes are collected, and paid to the treasurer of said board of road trustees.

Sec. 11. That all funds derived from the sale of any bonds by said

board of trustees shall be paid over to the treasurer of said board of trustees, and shall be used for the purpose of constructing and improving the public roads in said township, the purchase of such material, machinery and implements, and the employment of such officers and labor as may be found necessary in the carrying out of this work.

Sec. 12. That in the working and construction of roads either convict labor or hired labor, or both, may be used as may be ordered by said board of trustees; and in the working of convicts on the public roads all rights and privileges existing in regard thereto or that may hereafter exist for the use of convicts in Franklin county or any township therein, shall exist and apply to the use of convicts on the roads of Louisburg township.

Sec. 13. That all the provisions of this act except sections nine and ten hereof shall be in force from and after the ratification of this act; and that said sections nine and ten hereof and the powers granted and provisions made therein, shall be in force from and after the same shall have been submitted to the vote of the qualified voters at an election to be held on a day to be designated by the board of county commissioners of Franklin county. For the holding of said election the said board of county commissioners shall appoint a registrar and two poll holders and any other officers necessary to said election, and shall order a new registration. At the close of said election said registrar and poll holders shall count and canvass the vote cast, and declare the result thereof, and shall report such canvass to the board of county commissioners, which said report shall be recorded in the minutes of the said board of commissioners and no other canvass, report or recording shall be necessary. And said election, all voters who shall favor the issue of bonds, the levy of the special tax and the other provisions of said sections nine and ten hereof, shall cast ballots on which shall be printed or written "For Good Roads;" and those opposed to such shall cast ballots on which shall be written or printed "Against Good Roads." In all other respects said election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed for the selection of members of the General Assembly. If a majority of the qualified voters of said township shall vote "For Good Roads," the said bonds shall be issued and said tax levied, and the other powers and duties exercised under said sections nine and ten hereof: Provided, that if a ma-

Sec. 14. That if a majority of said qualified voters shall fail to vote "For Good Roads," said board of county commissioners shall order another election or elections to be held in the manner and with the same effect as above provided, at any time within four years of the date of the first election when requested to do so by said board of trustees; Provided, further, that until the adoption of the powers, duties and provisions of sections nine and ten hereof by a majority of the qualified voters of said township at an election called and held under the terms and provisions of this section, the method and manner of collection of the special road tax now levied and collected in said township under the provisions of sections twenty-one and twenty-three of Chapter five hundred and eighty-one Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine of North Carolina, as adopted by said Louisburg township, shall obtain and be continued in force; and the taxes so levied and collected shall be applied and used under the other provisions of this act.

Sec. 15. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, so far as they relate to said Louisburg township, except as otherwise provided in section

of this act, relating to keeping in force sections twenty-one and twenty-three of Chapter five hundred and eighty-one of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine of North Carolina, providing for a levy of a special road tax in said Louisburg township, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of February, 1911.

W. C. NEWLAND,
President of the Senate.

W. C. DOWD,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A. C. SPROU,
For Committee.

I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached (eleven (11) sheets) to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in the office at Raleigh, this 7th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1911.

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To Hold Rifle Practice.

During the month of April teams representing three regiments of the North Carolina National Guard will hold target practice, rifle and revolver competition. In these teams will be a commissioned officer and nine enlisted men from each company.

The meets will be held on the following dates: First Regiment, April 18; Second Regiment, one week later; Third Regiment one week later than Second Regiment. The Third Regiment will hold its meet in Raleigh at the new rifle range, while the Second Regiment meet will be at Goldsboro, and the First Regiment at Gastonia, each meet lasting three days.

Teachers Meeting.

Quite a number of teachers gathered at the Graded School on last Saturday to attend the teachers meeting which was held in the Auditorium of the school. It was expected that Prof. K. H. McIntyre, of Raleigh, would be present and address the meeting, but he was detained on account of sickness. The meeting was conducted by Supt. R. B. White, in his usual easy and

interesting manner. His talk to the teachers was indeed instructive and interesting and much enjoyed by all present. This was the first time the meeting had been held in the Auditorium of the Graded School, and the teachers were well pleased with the new place of meeting.

From Mapleville.

The "Old Maid Convention," presented at the Academy last Friday night by the young ladies of Mapleville was a brilliant success, it far eclipsed anything that had ever been presented here. One could hardly realize the actors were only amateurs, they seemed so perfectly at ease. The costume—far from modern—and the unique arrangement of the stage added greatly to the attractiveness of the play. Music was rendered by Messrs. Wilson, Mitchell and Pernell brothers, a band well known in our section, they need no introduction, to say they were present, means we had excellent music. The proceeds were for the benefit of Maple Spring church. The young ladies and managers thank all who aided them in making this occasion one of success and enjoyment, especially the musicians, who so kindly did so much and refused to accept any compensation for their efforts.

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.

Miss Bessie Conn spent Sunday in Henderson.

Dr. S. P. Burt and family spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

C. E. Egerton, of Raleigh, visited his people here the past week.

Miss Josephine Tucker returned Wednesday from a visit to New York.

Miss Lillie Crudup, of Kittrell is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. P. Taylor.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones, of Durham, is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. B. Masenburger.

J. A. Turner and O. Y. Yarbore returned Wednesday from a trip to Rocky Mount.

Wm. Burroughs, of Dabney, visited his daughter, Mrs. T. D. Tyack, the past week.

Mrs. E. G. Gilmer, of Statesville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Stumpson.

Miss Alma Pegram, of Henderson, spent Sunday in Louisburg, guest of Miss Lillie Hale.

Miss Annie Davis Crudup, of Wake Forest, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. P. Taylor.

Miss Elizabeth Bagley, of Jackson, is visiting her sister, Miss Cora Bagley, at the College.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Seaman, of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Bailey.

Deputy Sheriff S. C. Holden went to Goldsboro Wednesday to take an inmate to the State hospital.

Myron Pleasants, who has been employed in Henderson, has returned to Louisburg to make his future home.

F. W. Wheelless left Tuesday morning for the northern markets, where he goes to purchase the spring stock of goods for his store. Watch for his announcement upon his return.

Announce Spring Opening.

In their advertisement in another column it will be noticed that the Candler-Crowell Company announce their opening of spring and summer millinery to take place on next Monday and Tuesday and extend you a special invitation to come and be present. Read their advertisement.

Mrs. Hall Returns.

Mrs. Hall returned the past week from the Northern market where she purchased a large and up-to-date stock of ladies spring and summer millinery, dry goods, etc., although Mrs. Hall's reputation in the capacity is well known we are informed that she has selected a stock that will hardly compare with any one of the past for the Big Market. By reference to her advertisement in another column you will notice an especial invitation to visit this store and see what they have to offer.

Mr. G. D. Aycooke Dead.

On Saturday last at his home near town Mr. G. D. Aycooke, in his 53 year, passed into the great beyond. He had been sick for only a short while and his death was a shock to his family and neighbors. He leaves a wife and four children who have the sympathy of the entire community. His remains were tenderly laid to rest in the presence of a host of friends and relatives in the cemetery at Maple Springs church, of which he had been a member since boyhood, on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. M. Stamps, of Louisburg, conducting the services.

A. FAIRMAN.