

MAGISTRATES MEET.

Address by Mr. W. M. Person—Enthusiastic Meeting.

The Board of Magistrates met in the Court House on last Monday at 12:30 o'clock in accordance with their adjournment for the purpose of listening to a most excellent address delivered by Mr. W. M. Person, upon the invitation of the entertainment committee and to adopt a set of by-laws for the government of the body. In the absence of the Chairman Mr. E. N. Williams, president and Mr. J. E. Nicholson, was present as Secretary. After the meeting was opened the address was the first feature and Mr. Person was presented in a neat manner by Chairman Williams. The address was a strong one and made clear the duties of the Magistrates of the county. He referred to several cases in particular to illustrate his points and made his explanation in no unmistakable way. All felt better after having heard Mr. Person. After the address the business was called for and Chairman Williams called Mr. A. F. Johnson, Editor of The Times, to act as assistant Secretary. He then expressed the object of the meeting that it was their desire to use their every effort to lessen crime in Franklin county especially the rowdism on the public highway, carrying concealed weapons and cruelty to animals. Each Magistrate present was enthusiastic in his endorsement of this policy and the citizens of the county may safely look for better protection from the violators of the criminal laws of the State.

The roll call of the Secretary showed those present as follows:

Dunns—J. M. Stallings, Franklinton—J. E. Nicholson, Hayesville—R. L. Stokes, Sandy Creek—J. J. Cooper, N. N. Williams, Gold Mine—W. D. Upchurch, Cedar Rock—T. W. Stokes, W. D. Parrish, J. P. Davis, Cypress Creek—J. A. Boone, J. M. Sykes, Louisburg—J. L. Palmer, A. W. Alston, S. P. Boddie.

Upon call for the report of the by-laws committee, Mr. A. W. Alston, Chairman, read the following, which were adopted unanimously.

By-Laws.

The name of this organization shall be The Board of Magistrates of Franklin county.

It shall be composed of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, and its membership which is composed of Magistrates of Franklin county.

Its time of meetings shall be the Monday before the time for convening of Franklin Superior court for criminal cases, and held at the Court House in Louisburg, N. C., or upon the call of its Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chairman. Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a less number may adjourn to another date.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall be the presiding officer and have full authority.

The annual fee for each member of this Board shall be \$1.00 until amended.

This organization shall have the following committees, to be named by the Chairman, for his term of office, unless otherwise ordered by the body. A committee of three to be known as the invitation committee, whose duty shall be to secure the services of some gentleman of the bar to give an address at each meeting of the body on the duty of the Magistrates to their county and State, and such other matters as they may deem necessary to maintain peace and good order. A Legislative Committee consisting of three members, whose duty shall be to look after the legislative branches of the law, to make notes from time to time of what they think best for better government and report the same to their respective representatives, while the legislature is in session. A law enforcement committee to be composed of ten members, one from each township, whose duty shall be to confer with the Solicitor on the first day of his arrival in the county at each term and assist him in any way possible in all of the cases to come up from their respective townships.

The Magistrates of each township shall report to their committee not later than Saturday before each term of criminal court any information that they may have that will aid their Solicitor in maintaining justice, the said committee shall also prepare from time to time such matters as they think will be for the betterment and good order, and such things as would lighten the burden of taxation and would assist the Sheriff, Clerk of the court and other county officers in performing all their official duties in a satisfactory way. These matters to be discussed by the Board of Magistrates and a report of each meeting be sent to the county officers pledging their support to them in their official duties and asking their support in behalf of the Magistrates and Mayors in their effort to keep and maintain peace and order with less expense.

These by-laws are subject to amendment from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.

After the adoption of the by-laws the Chairman appointed the following committee.

Invitation—R. L. Stokes, Chairman, J. M. Sykes, J. P. Davis.

Legislative—T. W. Stokes, Chairman, J. L. Palmer, C. C. Winston.

Law Enforcement—A. W. Alston.

Chairman, J. M. Stallings, J. B. King, J. E. Nicholson, J. R. Tharrington, R. G. Winn, E. N. Williams, W. D. Upchurch, E. D. Parrish, J. A. Boone.

The Secretary was instructed to announce that all Magistrates in Franklin county desiring to become members of this organization are invited to come and join with us.

Mr. E. N. Williams was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman. There being no other business to come before this meeting adjournment was taken and a most enthusiastic meeting was closed.

Town Commissioners Meet.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on last Friday night with all members present except Allen. After reading and approving the minutes of previous meeting the following business was disposed of:

The report of A. W. Alston, Clerk, for light and water rents was received and filed. He reports collecting light rents \$798.73; water rents \$237.80—total \$1,036.53.

The report of J. C. Tucker, Chief of Police, was received and ordered filed. He reports collecting costs \$6.80; license pool room \$15.00; license pressing club \$6.25; on rent of Opera House \$50.00—total \$78.05.

A motion by Newell and seconded by Williamson, that a committee of two be appointed to investigate the matter of using water power for light and water plant and see if it would be profitable to the town to do so, said committee to consult some competent engineer and see what the cost would be to the town, and what the savings would be, their report to be made to a mass meeting of the citizens to be called at some later day, was unanimously carried and the Mayor appointed on this Committee, Commissioners Newell and Ford.

A motion prevailed to pay Mr. S. P. Boddie \$50 per year as Chief of fire department, to begin March 1st, 1915.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next meeting.

Current Literature Book Club.

On Tuesday afternoon the Current Literature Book Club was most charmingly entertained by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants.

The afternoon's subject was Denmark. Mrs. Walter Gilmore gave a beautiful sketch of Denmark, the country and its people.

Royalty in Denmark, a paper read by Mrs. W. B. Morton in absence of Miss Edna Allen was a very able and interesting discussion of the royal family and their mode of living.

Miss Mary Yarbrough told of the life of Thomas Christian Anderson in a very beautiful manner and Miss Hingler of the Louisburg College told in her own attractive manner a Fairy tale from Anderson.

Denmark's traits and customs was discussed very interestingly by Mrs. Ivey Allen.

The life of Thorwaldsen was beautifully presented by Mrs. Pleasants and then Miss Mabel Davis read the minutes of the last meeting.

Current topics were then given by the members present and at the close of this most delightful programme a five course luncheon was served.

The meetings of this club are always of special value and interest, but all present agreed that this was one of the best and most interesting of all the meetings ever held.

Mrs. Pleasants is in her true element, when acting as hostess and never did she more beautifully play the role than on this occasion.

The Biggest Thing of the Year.

No doubt the biggest and most enjoyable occasion Mapleville will have during the year is the Fiddler's Convention, which is to take place on Wednesday night March 24th. All of the fiddlers who took part last year are expected to be present this time. These, with a few new ones will make everybody forget their trials, troubles and tribulations. If you have the blues and need cheering up, just "knock off" Wednesday night March 24th, come to Mapleville Academy for the Fiddler's Convention and the good music will give you a smile that will be hard to wear off.

Last year the building was crowded and every one was delighted with the good music. This time a still larger crowd is expected and, if possible the music will be better. Don't miss it; you'll be sorry. Mapleville Academy, March 24th.

The Methodist Church.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the morning sermon is "Miracle." Subject of the evening sermon, "False Witness, an Interpretation of the Ninth Commandment." Special music at both services.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Lesson for the Business Men's Bible Class is the tenth Chapter of Romans.

On Sunday, March 21, the revival services will begin. Mr. J. D. Stentz, who is the son-in-law of Rev. Geo. R. Stewart, the great evangelist, and also Mr. Stewart's music director, will lead the music. We are looking forward to a great meeting, and ask all people who are interested in this work will make their dates and programs to harmonize with it. The meeting will continue for two weeks, closing on Easter Sunday.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Nothing of Importance Before the Board.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all present except Chairman Collic, who could not attend on account of injuries received in a runaway Saturday. In his absence J. H. Cooke was made Chairman pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and business taken up as follows:

Quite a number of allowances were made relieving the payment of special taxes and correcting errors.

The bond of D. L. Kearney, Constable in Hayesville township, was received and filed.

A bridge was ordered built at Bob Griffins old Mill over Norris Creek—the County to pay one-half, and the citizens the other half.

The allowance of Richard Hawkins, outside pauper, was increased to \$2.00 per month.

Toney Pugh was put on outside pauper list at \$2.00 per month.

Hence Anderson was placed on outside pauper list at \$1.50 per month.

Allowance of Jack Holden outside pauper was increased to \$2.00 per month.

A bridge was ordered built over Cypress Creek near Gays.

J. H. Ballentine was appointed a committee to look over the road applied for near Pearce's school house, and see what is the situation and objection to said road and report to this Board first Monday in April.

J. S. Wilson was allowed piping to be put on Henderson road.

Bond of W. F. Leonard Constable of Sandy Creek township, was received and filed. He took oath of office.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Superintendent of Health, was received and filed.

It was ordered that the County pay \$75.00 to help work the hill near Jones old mill leading from B. Carr's to the mill.

Emma Evans was allowed to go to County home.

The Sheriff was ordered to take the two Gupton children to county home or jail, or do the best, as he sees fit, to keep them at the home.

W. D. Upchurch was allowed 16 feet of 18 inch piping for road.

J. M. Wood was allowed piping for draining road at Pearce school house in Gold Mine township.

Tom Denton was allowed \$2.00 per month as outside pauper.

The report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of County Home, was received and ordered filed. He reports 6 white and 17 colored inmates.

The report of F. R. Pleasants, Manager Medical Depository, was received and filed.

An election for special school tax in White Level school district was granted.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Lodge Man's Funeral Largely Attended.

The funeral of Elmer H. Shine was held this morning from the First Baptist church, of which the deceased was a well known member. The funeral was under the direction of Mohn Driscoll & Maus and was attended by a large number of citizens.

The services were attended by the Knights of Pythas and the Woodmen of the World, to both of which orders the deceased belonged and among the membership of which he was highly popular.

Elmer H. Shine was, before coming to Phoenix, one of the best known engineers in the southeast, having pulled the fast Florida limited for several years. He was a brother-in-law of the late A. N. Munn, assistant superintendent and traffic manager of the Arizona Eastern.

On coming to Phoenix several years ago he organized and managed the Mary Ann Grocery company and conducted the business with much success. He is survived by a wife and a six-year-old son.

A man of quiet and refined manners, he made many staunch friends during his residence in Phoenix and his untimely death is regretted by a large circle of friends.—Gazette, Phoenix Ariz.

Ice Cream Supper at Mapleville.

The Mapleville Betterment Association will give an Ice cream supper on Friday night, March the 12th. The roads are much better now and a large crowd should be present to enjoy the evening.

The Association is trying to arrange a debate on that all-important question. Resolved, That all batchelors should be taxed. If you are interested in this question, you had better be present at Mapleville Academy on March the 12th.

Franklinton Evens With Mapleville.

The Franklinton basketball team succeeded in evening up matters with Mapleville on last Saturday morning when they defeated their rivals by the score of 9 to 4. The game was interesting from start to finish, the teams being well matched. At the end of the first half the score stood 2 to 2, but Franklinton came back strong in the second half, scoring 7 points to Mapleville's 2.

Some fellows are always enthusiastic when they talk about themselves.

RECITAL AT LOUISBURG

First Recital of the Session Followed by Reception.

The piano, voice and expression departments of Louisburg College combined in giving the first recital of the session in the college chapel Friday night, which was greatly enjoyed by one of the largest audiences assembled there this year.

The piano pupils who took part in the program were Misses Colleen Garis, Elizabeth H. Allen, Bettie Hill Reavis, Marie Long, Eunice Caslon, Mary Belle Dement, Martha Dixon, and Ruth Hall. A specially interesting feature of this part of the program was a Chinese March, by Miss Loo Sung Woo, which was composed by Miss Sallie Thomas Williams, for many years the popular director of this department.

In the voice department Misses Ruth Crews, Elizabeth Harris, Mildred Yarbrough, Stella Ward and Eudenia DeFord acquitted themselves most creditably.

Misses Gladys Jerome, Irene Hardison and Oliva Hobgood fully sustained the high standard of the expression department. The Glee Club captivated the audience in the closing exercises with "Sing on."

After the recital, Mrs. Ivey Allen, the president, gave a reception in the spacious college parlors in honor of her niece, Miss Louise Allen, of Warrenton, Miss Louise Ayers of Plymouth, sister of one of the teachers, and the faculty. As a fitting climax of the most delightful evening, elegant and delicious refreshments were served and everybody went home feeling that Louisburg College is one of the finest and most valuable assets of the community.

College Notes.

Our charming music teacher Miss Ayers is having her charming sister visiting her at the college this week.

Miss Annie Cooke, a former student is visiting old friends at the college this week.

Miss Louise Allen of Warrenton is one of our visitors this week.

The music recital and expression classes gave a recital in the college auditorium on Friday night. A large and appreciative crowd was present and at the close of the recital the teachers were at home to a number of their friends and a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Saturday the sophomores went over to the debate at the Graded school and enjoyed it highly.

On Thursday morning the current events, given in the auditorium proved a delightful and pleasant innovation. "The March of Events" was very cleverly told by Miss Eleanor Yarbrough, Miss Alice Taylor gave a summary of the fiction of the February Magazine and Miss Lottie Kerr had a paper "Has the Church Collapsed?"

Miss Zola Gaze gave an interesting paper "In the Lighthouse."

Friday morning Dr. W. B. Morton was present and gave a practical and helpful talk to the girls on the care of their eyes.

An Interesting Shoot.

During the months of February, March and April, pursuant to general orders No. 2 Each Company in the National Guard of the State will hold in their armory, or on the gallery range, two shoots each month. Prizes amounting to \$5.50 will be given away at each shoot. The local Company (Co. F.) held their first shoot Saturday February 20th, and qualified as marksmen 27 out of 38 who shot. A great deal of interest was manifested and Capt. Kearney expects to have 50 men or more to compete in the next shoot. The winners of the first shoot are as follows:

H. D. Mitchell—\$1.00 for making highest average. His score was 135 out of a possible 150. D. B. Kearney took first prize, 75c for best score. J. R. Cooke took second, 50c, and H. D. Mitchell took third, 25c. P. D. Winston took first prize 75c. Sitting and Kneeling, H. C. Kearney Jr., took second 50c, and E. M. Edwards took third 25c. A. W. Fowler took first prize 75c, standing. L. B. May took second 50c and J. L. Hight took third 25c.

The winners of the next shoot and each succeeding shoot will be announced each week.

Two Children Accidentally Hurt.

Little John Mills, son of Supt. W. R. Mills of the Louisburg Graded school, fell from his bicycle in front of the home of Mrs. Emma C. Allen on Sunday afternoon.

For some time it was thought his condition was serious, as the fall rendered him unconscious. He regained himself in the evening and is now doing nicely.

The little daughter of Cap. L. L. Joyner was accidentally run over by two negroes driving a horse to a buggy at the intersection of Bull run alley to Main street on Monday. From what we can learn the accident was unavoidable and no injury of any consequence was sustained by the little girl.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C. March 2.—The present week brings an adjournment of the 63rd Congress. The closing days of the session find the legislators sitting long and disposing of a prodigious amount of work. It is practically assured that there will be no extra session as the country seems to be tired of the almost continuous Congresses of late years. Even though

much of the legislation insisted upon by the President has failed of passage it is likely the wishes of the people will be heeded and Congress sent home. One plan recently under consideration was to call a special session of the Senate on March 5th, for the consideration of treaties, as at least one country, Columbia, is becoming somewhat impatient at the long delayed ratification of a pending treaty, involving the payment of \$25,000,000 by this Government, but owing to a very decided opposition this plan has practically been dropped. In order to clear the legislative boards for the next session it is now thought possible that an extra session will be called about October first. This would allow a vast amount of work to be completed before the usual time for convening and allow ample time for action on the Philippine bill, the conservation bills, the regulation of railroad securities and other measures on the administration program, and permit an adjournment early in 1916 before the political conventions and the presidential campaign.

While the naval bill was before the Senate, Reed Root, senior Senator from Utah, offered an amendment providing for the building of fifty submarines in addition to the building program as outlined in the bill. This amendment received a surprisingly large support from both Democratic and Republican and the growing sentiment that this country should be better prepared for war was freely expressed. It was impossible, however, to bring this item to a vote as a point of order was made against it by Senator Swanson, who was in charge of the bill. One feature of the Senate action was the abolishment of the Naval plucking board. The actions of this Board, which was required to retire many efficient officers of the navy to relieve stagnation in promotions, has been much criticised in recent years. A bill for which seamen and organized labor generally have been fighting for many years has finally passed both branches and sent to the President for his signature. The object of this bill is to better conditions of seamen in the American merchant marine and to abolish arrest and imprisonment for desertion. It provides several very strict regulations which must be complied with by all foreign ships entering our harbors, such as having a full complement of crews in proportion to the passengers carried and it abrogates all treaties conflicting with any of its provisions, but allows from a year to 15 months to negotiate new treaties. This bill has been fathered by Senator La Follette, and bitterly opposed by shippers and ship owners. If it is vetoed it will probably be on the ground that it conflicts with several of our treaties with foreign nations.

The agricultural appropriation bill has a rural credits rider tacked on to it that is causing administration leaders a bit of worry. This amendment offered by Senator McCumber, provides for government aid of a far reaching character and an initial appropriation of about \$10,000,000. If this rider is not defeated it will place the President in the rather embarrassing position of having to veto the whole agricultural bill or of signing a plan for rural credits of which he does not approve, as can be shown by reference to his message to Congress. Whatever happens the Republicans are gleeful for it gives them some good campaign material.

The Post Office Department has taken issue with some of the Republican Representatives who charge that the threatening deficit in the Department is due to Democratic policies. Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery who was at one time a member of the House and a Treasury "watch dog" has written a letter declaring of the reports," says Mr. Dockery, "shows that during the first 15 months of this administration, from April 1913 to June 1914, the postal revenues increased at the rate of 8.25 per cent over the same period a year previous. The average yearly increase for the past ten years has been 7.15 per cent. Postal receipts have not decreased, therefore, as a result of the application of the principles of so-called 'free trade as embodied in the tariff law under which this government is now operating."

The nominees for the new Federal Trade Commission have all passed the inspection of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce with the exception of George Rublee of New Hampshire. A favorable report has been made on Joseph E. Davies, Edward N. Hurley, W. J. Harris and W. H. Parry. This action was not actively opposed in committee, but it is well known that Republicans are none too well pleased with the personnel of the Board and intend to express their views in the Senate when the names are brought up for confirmation. As the President has assumed the responsibility for their appointment it is probably that no determined stand will be taken against the appointees, but should they fail it is likely the President will make recess appointments.

Misses High Entertain.

Misses Kate and Lili High, Mr. & W. High on last Thursday evening threw open the doors of their beautiful new bungalow, on King's heights to about thirty friends at a dance. During the evening all the new dances were engaged in, and at 12 o'clock delightful sandwiches, hot and ice tea were enjoyed.

PERSONALS.

Mayor J. A. Turner went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox returned Tuesday from a visit to Raleigh.

Mr. S. T. Hooker, of Greenville, was a visitor to Louisburg Friday.

Mr. H. L. Candler returned the past week from a trip to Georgia.

Mr. R. C. Flanagan, of Greenville, was a visitor to Louisburg Friday.

Mrs. Taylor returned the past week from a visit to Rocky Mount.

Mrs. R. B. Brickel, of Weldon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Beck.

Mr. R. L. Huffines, of Rocky Mount was a visitor to Louisburg Friday.

Postmaster Bart M. Gatling, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Friday.

Miss Louise Allen, of Warrenton, was a visitor at the College the past week.

Mr. A. O. Dickens returned Tuesday from a visit to his people at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Charles Cobb and children, of Williamston, are visiting her sister, Mrs. S. A. Newell.

Misses Mittle and Louallie Walker, of Raleigh, visited Miss Bettie Mildred Shearin the past week.

Road Master A. E. Guess, of the Seaboard, located at Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Hon. R. B. White and Attorney General T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh attended court here Friday and Saturday.

Sheriff W. H. Allen, Register of Deeds J. B. Yarbrough and Clerk of the Court J. J. Barrow, spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Miss Clara Aycock returned the past week from a trip to Baltimore, and New York, where she purchased the spring millinery for Candler-Crowell Co.

Messrs. J. W. Ferrell and H. M. White, President and Treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville were in attendance upon court here the past week.

Mrs. Frank Roth left Wednesday for Philadelphia, where she will visit her people and afterwards visit Baltimore and New York to purchase the spring stock for the L. J. Dietz Co.

Daughters Meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon the Daughters of the Confederacy met with Mrs. Georgie Boddie.

A delightful and enthusiastic meeting was held, and the meeting was unusually large.

The members are taking up the study of a history prepared by one of our generals and are finding it very interesting and helpful.

There was a little business to attend to and on the report of the treasurer being given it was found quite a sum was to the Daughters credit, and it was unanimously decided to spend it on crosses of honor to be placed by each soldier's grave in Oaklawn cemetery. These crosses will be placed by May 10th, and it is with great pleasure the Daughters can once again give some token of love to our beloved, "Confederate Dead."

Another very interesting feature of the meeting was the offering by Mrs. Ivey Allen, of the College, History room, as a meeting place for the Daughters, and also a place to collect and treasure their much treasured records and relics of the war.

At the close of the meeting delightful refreshments were served.

Miss Cooke Entertains.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Eleanor Cooke in her beautiful suburban home very delightfully entertained the Thursday afternoon Book Club.

The guests were met at the door by their charming little hostess and shown into the parlor, beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers.

"Russia" was the afternoon's subject and a very interesting study period was enjoyed.

Each guest gave some current event of interest and Mrs. Garland Ricks read an excellent paper on the life of Peter the Great.

Mrs. Ben Holden read a cutting from "Quo Vadis" and Mrs. Wingate Underhill gave an instructive and enjoyable account of the origin and early history of Russia.

At the close of this most interesting program delightful refreshments were served.

The Club was delighted to have with it as guest, Mrs. Atwood Newell, Miss Julia Barrow, Miss Eliza Moore.

The members present were Mrs. Spencer Baker, Mrs. Ben Holden, Mrs. Glenn Crowell, Mrs. Joe Mann, Mrs. Will Boddie, Mrs. Garland Ricks, Mrs. Wingate Underhill, Miss Annie Green, Miss Annie Allen.

The Club will meet next with Mrs. Glenn Crowell.

Study Circle.

On Monday afternoon the Study Circle of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. W. E. White. The afternoon's subject was "The Social Question," led by Mrs. D. E. McKinnis.

A very helpful and forcible lesson was given, Mrs. B. G. Hicks presented an excellent paper on Ruskin, Carlisle and Morris as the promulgators of the social problem.

Mrs. J. E. Malone gave a reading from Little Dorcas and each member present entered into the discussion of the subject.