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GOOD ROADS

Dunns Township To Vote On Bond Issue March 17th.

We are very glad that each community is giving this issue their support, and that they are co-operating as never before. Our people are very much enthused over the fact that good roads are now a certainty.

What helps a community more than good roads? How can anyone oppose the issue when it means growth and development? Good roads will enhance every inch of land in Dunns township. Remember when we voted Special School tax for our district there was a few who opposed, but now they regret that they, themselves, did not see it then as now. They are proud of their school and its progress. We know we are going to have a few who oppose good roads, but after we get them, you will see each and every one as proud of them as they are of their school. The few that opposed will say: "Why did we act so silly at the polls? I wish I could recall and be one of the number that did this noble act."

The time is ripe for such an issue. Our community is making progress in every other line, why not get out of the rut and mud and keep step with other phases of progress. If we are ever going to pull out of the rut now is the time to make the start.

Do we want to be the leading township in Franklin County? This issue was defeated once before in our township, but all who opposed it before realize that they made a grave mistake, and are now the most enthusiastic supporters.

The issue is going to carry. Since it is going to carry we would like to have your support. But if you have decided to oppose be sure you are doing the right thing, be sure you will never regret it. The proposition before you, gentlemen, is the free from partizanism, one in which local agrardizement is uppermost, one to which we will point back toward in later years as being the pioneers of good roads in Dunns township.

Then don't forget or neglect your duty. The townships that are in the lead in Franklin took advantage of this opportunity long ago, and we are glad to say the majority in our township say: "That we are no longer going to be in the rear, but are in the race for the lead, and that we are going to prove to the people on March 17th, 1917, that we are prosperous."

"A VOTER."

Youngsville News.

Miss Lillian Winston and Mrs. C. V. Timberlake spent the day in Raleigh shopping, Friday.

Mrs. I. F. Rudy, of Rocky Mount, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Finch, of Henderson, spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hight.

Mrs. Jno. Winston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Miles, at Norlina.

Mrs. Ira Williams spent a few hours here last week on her way to her home in Philadelphia, after visiting her husband's parents near Bunn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lifsey and Mrs. C. B. May spent the day in Raleigh last Tuesday.

Messrs. C. C. and J. W. Winston spent Thursday in Raleigh, on business.

Mr. P. R. Mitchell visited his people in Wake County, last week.

Mr. G. C. Holden made a short business trip to Raleigh the past week.

Two colored children were burned to death Thursday morning about 9 o'clock when a tenant house on the plantation of Mr. Edgar Green near town was destroyed by fire. Richard Champion, the father of the children was in the field at work, and the mother had gone to visit a nearby neighbor, leaving the children in the house without attention. When discovered the flames had made such headway it was impossible to save any part of the furniture, or the children.

A surprise marriage took place here Sunday morning, when Mr. Oscar Barham and Miss Mildred Coley motored over from Raleigh and were married at the home of Mr. C. E. Mitchell, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. W. Patton, of Greensboro. Miss Coley is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. Albert Coley, of near Raleigh. Mr. Barham is the popular son of Mr. S. T. Barham, a prosperous planter and merchant of Wake County. The many friends of the young couple wish them

much happiness and success in life.

Grand Lecturer J. W. Patton is conducting a two-weeks series of Masonic Lectures under the auspices of Youngsville Lodge No. 377, A. F. & A. M., ending March 3rd. He is highly pleased with the active interest displayed by the membership of this Lodge in the Masonic work.

Washington's Birthday was observed Friday night at the Youngsville Graded School by a two-hour program affording a variety of amusements and concluding with the excellent play, "Examination Day at Wood Hill School." The auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience, and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

Lenton Services at St. Paul's Church.

Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 11 A. M. Litany and Penitential Office. Friday March 2nd, Twilight Services. 6 P. M. Sunday March 4th, 11 A. M. and Evening Prayer 7:30 P. M.

A cordial invitation to all to join in the worship.

Lenton Services.

The Episcopal Lenton services will be as follows:

March 1, 5 P. M., Mrs. R. C. Beck. March 2, 6 P. M. St. Paul's church. March 4, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church. March 4, 7:30 P. M. St. Paul's church.

March 5, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church. March 6, 5 P. M. Mrs. R. H. Davis. March 7, 5 P. M. Mrs. J. R. Collier. March 8, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church. March 9, 5 P. M., Mrs. W. H. Ruffin.

March 12, 5 P. M. Mrs. K. K. Allen. March 13, 5 P. M. Mrs. B. B. Perry.

March 14, 6 P. M. St. Paul's church. March 15, 5 P. M. Mrs. S. P. Boddie. March 16, 6 P. M. St. Paul's church. March 18, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church. March 18, 7:30 P. M. St. Paul's church.

March 19, 6 P. M. St. Paul's church. March 20, 5 P. M. Miss Mary Yarbrough.

March 21, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church. March 22, 5 P. M. Mrs. L. L. Joiner.

March 23, 5 P. M. Mrs. M. S. Clifton. March 26, 5 P. M. Mrs. L. E. Scoggin.

March 27, 5 P. M. Mrs. J. R. Collier. March 28, 6 P. M. St. Paul's church.

March 29, 5 P. M. Mrs. K. K. Allen. March 30, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church.

April 1, 11 A. M. St. Paul's church. April 1, 7:30 P. M. St. Paul's church.

April 2, 6 P. M. St. Paul's church. April 3, 5 P. M. Mrs. S. P. Boddie. April 4, 5 P. M. Mrs. R. C. Beck. April 5, 5 P. M. Mrs. B. B. Perry. April 6, Service from 12 to 3, St. Paul's church.

April 8, 9:30 A. M. St. Paul's church.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Punkin Center.

Count Von Spanish Monkey (note the title) says that if a man dies these days it's his own fault, thanks to the medicine Ads in the newspapers. We think they have run around for names, and we thought we would help em out, but (oh, my corns) 'Tiz a fact that everything we can or cannot think of has been used. If Spanish (oh, my corns) Gets It, he will be smarter than the common run of monkeys. The name applies to our lawmakers at Raleigh. We think they have laved out (some of them may be out-lawed) They have passed a lot of laws all for the poor man and none for the rich. Our motto is, while a man is poor, keep him poor. Judge Bowser seeing the need of such laws, called the club together in extra session to pass them. When he introduces a bill, it goes straight through without any confabulation. Of course the club is immune from these laws, so all who wish to escape the penalties herein set forth, had better join us at once. I think you will agree with me Mr. Editor, that if it wasn't for our noble order, this country would soon come to nothing. If Ed Pou sees this, no doubt he will try to get Congress to pass some jes lack em. Ist. Any man (except the rich) caught breathing pure air, must pay a fine of one hundred dollars, or serve one hundred years in jail. If a po' man is compelled to go

out in the open, he must fill a sack with bad air, and hook same to his breathing apparatus.

2nd. Any man (except the rich) caught drinking pure spring or well water, must pay a fine of two hundred dollars, or serve two hundred years on the roads. If a po' man wants water, he must go to the branch or creek, and he must not drink much then except in times of freshets.

3rd. Any man (except the rich) caught chawin his vittles, (owing to the high cost of false teeth) must pay a fine of three hundred dollars, or serve three hundred years in the penitentiary. If a po' man has got anything to eat, he must swallow it whole.

4th. Any man (except the rich) caught wearing shoes, (with sole leather at one dollar a pound) must have both ears crapped like any other hog. If he is caught dancing (look out Ebble Hicks) he will be sent to the electric chair for life. If a po' man wants to wear shoes, he must wear wood bottoms. Dog gone a po' man anyhow. Hooray! Hooray! for our fisherman poet. He didn't tell his name, but we all know it. Of all the poets beneath the skies, He's one poet that told no lies.

PRESIDENT.

P. S.—"Bunch Fater" is greasy meat now. He is kept busy these days kicking the cats out of Pap's way.

The Young Peoples' Missionary Society.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th, 1917, The Young Peoples' Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. M. C. Pleasants in a study circle meeting. The lesson for the evening was the life and career of Jose De Anchieta of South America. To let the readers have an idea of what and of whom the Society is studying, I will give a brief outline of the person mentioned above.

Jose De Anchieta was born in Tenerife, one of the Canary Islands, of rich and aristocratic parents, at the age of fourteen years he was sent to the Portuguese University at Coimbra, at the age of seventeen years he had been persuaded to join an order and begin training for the priest-hood. After becoming a priest, the provincial or Chief Jesuit, appointed him to the colony of Sao Paul to start a little college for the training of young settlers who wished to join the order. Anchieta wrote a Tupi grammar, and commenced on a dictionary. He was not only the first scholar and first educator, but the first poet in Brazil and the father of the Brazilian literature. Anchieta had wonderful power and influence over birds and beasts as much so as over man.

In the year 1597, Anchieta died after forty-seven years of constant service. His body was carried to Victoria, a little coast town, in Santo Spirit, to where he was buried.

I think by this time the readers may be able to conceive an idea of what the Missionary Society is studying this year. I hope every reader from now on will notice this space in the paper as there will be a very interesting description of the "Makers of South America", from week to week.

After the lesson was finished the members indulged in making sea-foam candy over the beautiful alcoholic flames of the chafin dish. Those present were: Misses Sue Alston, Hodge Alston, Kate High, Lillian High, Kathleen Egerton, Addie Young, Sallie Taylor, Lonie Meadows, Lydia Inesco, Elizabeth Massenbug, Louise Thomas, Meadames J. A. Hodges, M. C. Pleasants.

At the hour of ten-thirty o'clock the meeting adjourned to its next regular meeting to be also held with our most estimable hostess, Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, March 6th, 1917.

RECORDING SECY.

Court Adjourned Saturday.

The regular February term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of civil cases adjourned on last Saturday afternoon at the close of the first week. Aside from four divorce cases which were tried on Saturday afternoon and a number of judgments and non-suits only two cases were disposed of at this term. These being the case of John Alston, colored, vs McKinne Bros. Co., and D. F. McKinne, a suit for damages, which was decided in favor of McKinne Bros. Co., and D. F. McKinne, and the one of the Hill Live Stock Co., vs W. W. Boddie, to recover judgment for notes, decided in favor of The Hill Live Stock Co.

From Youngsville.

The President of Punkin Center, knowing that we have no representation in his country only in fishing season; will, I am sure, take no exceptions if I make a few suggestions, providing the good Editor of the Times will allow me to use his column as a medium to do so.

I notice that Frank Justice is soon to be tried before Judge Bowser and according to the President's own statement public sentiment seems to be against him.

Now, Frank and I, owing to a very serious obligation each of us took upon ourselves some years ago, feel it our duty to rather like one and other and as his case is of such a serious nature I can not see him take a chance at going to the chafin gang and not extend to him a helping hand.

I of course realize that I would be over stepping my authority by offering this help direct. I therefore appeal to the President in Frank's behalf by requesting that he retain one of our prominent lawyers. (Jess Young). Jess has the reputation of never having lost a case, too he will have good grounds upon which to win the case owing to the number of prominent witnesses he can put on the stand from here who will gladly testify that the corn bread from Frank's bakery has no equal.

The very thoughts of this bread will inspire Jess to make the speech of his life and he will I am sure have no trouble in showing to Judge Bowser's court that Frank has not violated the pure food law.

Since the old fusion days at which the President's great "Oak Forts" guarding his principal manufacturing centre so proved their efficiency, he has had quite a peaceful administration except when a few years ago the enemy commanded by General Seine without warning steamed right into one of his best harbors and had he not been fortified by an extra rock wall they could have easily taken his Powdering Plant. I am afraid the President has indulged in too much watchful waiting and has not given preparedness as much consideration as this great war age demands. He has no aeroplanes, no submarines and his navy is barely up to its usual standard. I am sure there is no country to which I am more closely allied and if he will place a contract with my navy yard I will with all haste possible furnish him a sister ship to the Cruiser (Jones Cooke) now in his dock.

He should also remember that soldiers are extremely scarce and in great demand and should spare no effort in trying to enlist at least four dozen every two weeks.

I am sure that the President will thoroughly understand that these suggestions are born of purest friendship but for fear that others may not I wish to state that I knew him away back when Tar River at Louisburg was so small they didn't use the bridge to cross it except when it got too full, raised a rough house and some times came so near going to jail.

We were friends "when buzzards roost on what is now Main street in Louisburg and a gourd vine was in full bloom on one of its public corners. I was also a member of his once famous Mitchner's Cross Roads Symphony Company so noted for its sweet renditions of "Mollie Hare," "Snow Bird in the Ash Bank," "Billie in the Low Grounds," etc. by the greatest composers of their day namely Matthew Person, Grey Finch and Jake Gill.

VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

The situation between the United States and Germany became more intense this week than before in the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia on last Sunday night while en route to Liverpool from New York, with the loss of three American lives and a large lot of United States mail including much diplomatic mail. President Wilson went before Congress Monday and asked to be authorized to put this country in a state of armed neutrality and to use, if necessary such other instrumentalities as the circumstances seem justify. The later reports from Congress seem to indicate that President Wilson will be given the power he wishes except the use of such "other instrumentalities" however the President feels confident that his request will be granted. The main opposition to granting his wishes is developed a-

mong the republicans who want an extra session of Congress, which the President is trying to avoid.

It seems to be pretty generally conceded in Washington that when all the necessary facts are in regard to the sinking of the Laconia that it will prove to be the overt act and the United States will have to take some action against Germany.

A few small battles have been fought in Europe the past week but from the reports one could not say that the conditions are very much changed from last week.

Marriage Licenses.

Register of Deeds Yarbrough issued marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of February:

WHITE—T. S. Wilder and Beatrice Sykes, Otha Tucker and Bettie Hale, Hubert Santee and Mary Furgurson, Simon Rogers and Minnie Smith, C. C. House and Ida Bledsoe, Clyde Pearce and Canna Alford, Oscar T. Barham and Mildred Coley.

COLORED—Meddie Anderson and Annie Harris, Alvis Yarboro and Curretta Johnson, Jos. W. Ridley and Leona J. Alston, Halbert Yarbory and Geneva Kearney, Geo. A. Crudup and Mary Lou Person, Theodis Arrendell and Clyde Perry, Walter Hatch and Julia Mitchiner, Henry Williams and Mary Jones, Ben Wright and Lizzie B. Davis, Cleveland Taylor and Eleanor Sprull, Baldie Davis, and Minnie Evans, Abram Davis and Sadie Blake, Levi Allen and Annie Belle Floyd.

Attending Convention of School Superintendents.

Superintendent W. R. Mills, of the Louisburg Graded Schools, has gone to Kansas City to attend the session of the Convention of the Department of the Superintendents of the National Education Association, which convenes Monday and lasts till Friday. More than 5,000 members are expected to be present at this meeting from the various countries of North America. It is considered the greatest educational meeting on this planet. It met last year in Detroit.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for March 2, 1917:

Miss Sadie Hill, Mr. David Hicks, Dr. M. C. King, Mr. Robert Mitchell, Mr. J. F. Orr, Miss Amelia Turner, Miss Helen Wilson. Returned from Dead Letter Office: Manery Mitchell. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Farm Loan Association.

In order to expedite the matter of procuring loans, all members of the Franklin National Farm Loan Association are requested to furnish the local appraisers with a detailed description of the property upon which these loans are desired. Blanks for the purpose of making out applications and describing property may be procured at the office of the FRANKLIN TIMES, or by calling on Mr. E. H. Malone.

Rev. R. L. Gay Speaks at Louisburg and Franklinton.

Rev. R. L. Gay, field secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, addressed the combined congregations of this city Sunday night at the Methodist church. The address, which was an unusually able one, was listened to by a very large and appreciative audience. Mr. Gay spoke to the combined congregation of Franklinton churches Sunday morning.

Louisburg Debaters Selected.

The following representatives of the Louisburg High School have been selected to participate in the triangular debate to be held in March: Misses Beulah Lee Cooper and Adele Wilson to discuss the affirmative of the question of national ownership of railroads; Will Collier and Clyde Harris taking the negative. The young ladies will debate in Louisburg. The boys will go to Franklinton.

Meeting U. D. C.

The Jos. J. Davis Chapter will meet with Mrs. K. P. Hill at her home on Church street Tuesday afternoon, March 6th, at 3:30 o'clock.

MRS. W. E. WHITE, Pres. MRS. J. L. PALMER, Secy.

GERMANY INVITES JAPAN AND MEXICO TO WAR AGAINST UNITED STATES.

The Two Countries Invited To Share In Spoils of the Victory Germany Promised—Mexico Was to Recover Texas, New Mexico And Arizona And Receive Financial Assistance—Document In Hands of President When He Broke Relations With Germany.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

Japan, through Mexican mediation, was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—lost Provinces—and share in the victorious peace terms Germany contemplates.

Details were left to German Minister Von Eckhardt in Mexico City, who by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann, at Berlin, January 19, 1917, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico to General Carranza, and suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were transmitted to Von Eckhardt through Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany, under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war. Germany pictured to Mexico, by broad intimation, England and the Entente Allies defeated; Germany and her allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted submarine warfare.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through Von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States Government.

Zimmermann's Instructions.

Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917.—On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

You are instructed to inform the President of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the President of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

Please call to the attention of the President of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.

(Signed) ZIMMERMANN.

Sales Continued.

The following land sales, advertised elsewhere in this issue were continued by the consent of all parties as follows:

The sale of the W. C. Ransdell property, advertised by J. W. Frye, Trustee, to Monday, March 5th, 1917, at about noon. The sale of the P. W. Williams property advertised by L. P. Hicks, Mortgagee, to Monday, March 5th, 1917, at about noon. The sale of the J. P. and J. W. Hollingsworth property in Louisburg, advertised by J. M. Allen, Mortgagee, was continued to Monday, March 12th, 1917, at or about noon.

The notice of the continuance should have appeared at the bottom of each advertisement but was inadvertently omitted until after the advertisements were printed.

Mrs. E. W. Furgurson, Mrs. B. N. Williamson and Mrs. E. N. Bragg went over to Wake Forest Wednesday to visit their sister, Mrs. J. L. Reld.

Mr. J. E. Thomas visited Raleigh the past week.