

OFFERS BRIBE TO EXEMPTION BOARD

Immediately Ejected From Office By The Chairman

MAY PROVE TO BE VERY SERIOUS

Letter Making The Offer Referred to Federal Authorities—Constitutes A Serious Offense.

The following information given us by Mr. W. H. Ruffin, relating the fact that a bribe had been offered to the Exemption Board by a lady of Franklin County, was a very great surprise to us, as we did not dream that our county contained within its borders one who would resort to such means in a time like this.

The Local Board of Franklin County has striven by all means in their power to impress upon the people that they are "drafted" into the War Department, and as rigorously bound by the regulations as any selectman or officer of the regular army; and that they are forbidden to have private interviews with anyone concerning exemptions; and had no right to indulge in their natural sympathies; and they had hoped that every man, woman and child in Franklin county would show proper respect for these regulations and not hamper the Board by attempts to violate these regulations which in time of war are deemed necessary and expedient.

The writer was wholly unprepared for the shock, therefore, of receiving from a young woman, whose husband was in the service, a straight out offer of money, or bribe, to get him out. The letter was borne in by the hands of a man who was cognizant of the contents, and so outraged was the writer that he kicked the man out of his office and tore the letter to shreds. The letter was afterwards restored and has been submitted to the Federal courts for such action as it may merit.

Publication is made of this, (even though the writer is mortified that any woman in Franklin county could entertain the idea that he could be influenced by a paltry bribe, when he had stated publicly and repeatedly that there was not enough money in the United States to HIRE him to serve on the Local Board) in the hope that hereafter even those lacking in patriotism and knowing nothing above their own selfish desires, or fears, will at least permit the Local Board to discharge its duty without hindrance in the way of attempts at private interviews and approaches not permitted by the regulations.

Every opportunity has been given and will still be given to appeals for exemptions when made in the way allowed by the regulations, namely in writing and before the Board in meeting assembled, and information will be cheerfully furnished as to manner of preparing such papers; but all attempts to violate the regulations will meet with prompt, and possibly, when occasion justifies, harsh repulse, followed by vigorous prosecution.

Nov. 9th, 1917. Wm. H. RUFFIN, Executive Officer of the Local Board of Franklin County.

MISS HARRIS ENTERTAINED

On Wednesday afternoon at their beautiful country home Misses Lonie and Susie Meadows gave a rice shower in honor of Miss Roxie Harris who is to become the bride of Mr. Harry Longfellow Candler on November 14th 1917.

The guests assembled at the early hour of 4 o'clock. A piano solo was given by Miss Nellie Clapp. A vocal solo by Mrs. A. R. Edwards a vocal solo by Miss Annie Belle King, after which Miss Lonie Meadows passed around little yellow bags of rice. Mrs. W. M. Gilmore then presented an umbrella laden with numerous presents to the bride-elect, with this quaint little verse:

"The weather man says a shower today; So take this umbrella and use it right now. For down comes the rice upon your fair brow. Then everyone showered the bride-elect with the rice from the little yellow bags."

low bags. The bride next opens the packages and expresses her thanks, after which the guests were ushered into the dining room where refreshments were served. There were three courses served and between each course the guests wrote a recipe for the bride.

The decorations for the occasion were yellow chrysanthemums, and the dining room lighted with white candles.

Those present were: Mesdames W. M. Gilmore, A. R. Edwards, J. W. Mann, E. H. Malone and Misses Roxie Harris, Virginia Foster, Minnie Brickell, Julia Barrow, Annie Belle King, Kathleen Egerton, Camilla Yarborough, Beatrice Turner, Nellie Clapp, Ruth Gaither, Burdette Joyner, Sallie Taylor.

At six o'clock the guests departed showering upon the bride their best wishes.

MISS TUCKER ENTERTAINED

On Friday November 2nd, 1917 at her home on North Main Street, Mrs. J. M. Allen, had as her guest at a dinner party, Miss Beulah Tucker, who was wed to Mr. Herbert H. Dall, of Baltimore, Md. on Wednesday November 7th, 1917.

Covers were laid for twelve. At the conclusion of the dinner a bouquet of chrysanthemums were presented to the bride-elect. Much merriment was spent over the cutting of the "Wedding Cake," Mrs. E. H. Malone cut the ring, Mrs. F. J. Beasley the money, and on the second cutting Miss Minnie Brickell was lucky enough to be the proud winner of the thimble.

Those present were: Mesdames E. H. Malone, T. W. Ruffin, F. J. Beasley, G. M. Beam, J. M. Allen, Misses Beulah Tucker, Minnie Brickell, Julia Larrow, Onnie Tucker, Aileen Webb, Annie Belle King, Marie Stambaugh.

DALL-TUCKER

An unusually pretty home wedding was solemnized in this city Wednesday at high noon, when Miss Beulah Tucker became the bride of Mr. Herbert H. Dall of Cambridge, Md.

Just prior to the entrance of the bridal party Miss Annie Belle King sang very sweetly, "Love, Here is My Heart." Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs. Gaither M. Beam, Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, the officiating minister, entered the parlor, which was beautifully decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and potted plants, carrying out the general color scheme of yellow and green. In a few moments the room accompanied by the bride wearing a beautiful taupe suit, with accessories to match and carried a handsome bouquet of Bride's roses and valley lilies, entered the room, and the ring ceremony was performed. During the ceremony Mrs. Beam played softly, "Hearts and Flowers."

After receiving many congratulations and good wishes, the bridal party motored over to Henderson where they caught a train for Washington, New York and other northern cities where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mr. Dall is a very prominent and prosperous young business man of Cambridge, Md., where they will reside in the future. Mrs. Dall is the youngest daughter of Mr. Ellis Tucker, of this city, and is one of Louisville's most beautiful and charming young women. The great popularity of the young couple was attested by the number of costly and handsome gifts received.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. A. P. Edwards, of Henderson, the 90 years old grandmother of the bride, Mrs. R. B. Beasley and family of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Williams, of Franklinton, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Bragg of Wake Forest, and Mr. P. W. Fuller of Baltimore.

Quite a number of pro-nuptial social functions were given in honor of Mrs. Dall during the past few weeks.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Divine worship Sunday 11 A. M. conducted by the pastor. Sunday School 9:45 A. M. There will be no services at the Baptist church Sunday night in view of the union services at the Methodist church in the interest of the army Y. M. C. A. work.

FOR FARM AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

Settled Account of Mr. E. N. Williams, Former Superintendent of Co. Home

TO MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY NINETEENTH

Makes Allowances for Treatment of School Children—Routine of Business Disposed of.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After approving the minutes of the previous meeting business was disposed of as follows:

G. C. Parrish, of Sandy Creek township, was exempted of poll tax until further ordered.

Upon order Mr. E. N. Williams was allowed \$100 for corn and other things he carried to the County home.

It was ordered that the taxes of B. F. Matthews be paid out of his funds, and that W. H. Ruffin turn over the balance to the Farmers and Merchants Bank, as treasurer.

It was ordered that a deed be made to R. F. Fuller for lot in rear of his stables recently sold to him by the county.

Manerva May was stricken from outside pauper list.

June Tharrington was relieved of poll tax for 1917—being over age.

The North State Development Co. was allowed to list their taxes for 1916 and 1917.

The valuation of the Louisburg Coal and Ice Plant was reduced to \$13,000.

Ordered that the sum of \$275.00 be appropriated for the treatment of school children, not able to pay for same.

A committee composed of Messrs. J. C. Jones, F. B. McKinnin, I. H. Kearney and A. F. Johnson, of the Food Conservation Executive Committee for Franklin county, presented a resolution to the Board asking that they employ a Farm Demonstration Agent and a Home Demonstration Agent for their full time, at salaries sufficient to get competent people. The matter was discussed at length and resulted in a motion for an increase in appropriation to \$400.00 per year for the Farm Demonstration Agent. The vote was taken and stood Stokes and Earle for, Winston and Ballentine against. Chairman Alston announced he would cast his vote with progress and make this position a reality. Next a motion was made by Winston to increase the allowance of the Home Demonstration agent to \$500.00 a year with the understanding that the agent would begin January 1st and to secure Miss Pauline Smith if she would accept. This motion was carried overwhelmingly.

D. G. Pearce was re-elected cotton weigher for Louisburg township. E. L. Allen was re-elected cotton weigher for Franklinton township. E. R. Timberlake was re-elected cotton weigher for Youngsville township.

A number of allowances were allowed on tax lists for the purpose of correcting errors.

The Board adjourned to meet again on November 19th when it is expected to receive a report from the auditors now at work on the County's books.

FIRE SUNDAY

The fire alarm on Sunday caused by the catching afire of the residence of Mr. M. S. Clifton, on Church St. brought out big crowds in much excitement. The blaze was discovered in time however to be extinguished quickly which was done by the aid of several neighbors before the fire department could arrive. It seems that the fire caught around a stove and the damage was to the roof mainly, which is estimated at about \$100 covered by insurance. The alarm was turned in about 1 o'clock.

BAZAAR

We are requested to state that the ladies of the Episcopal church will have their annual bazaar of fancy work on Tuesday, December 4th. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Vegetarians

Vegetarians now have the opportunity of their lives to test the accuracy of their theory.

DR. GULLY PREACHED INTRODUCTORY SEMON

Baraca Philathea Union At Perry's Chapel SUNDAY

MANY VERY INTERESTING ADDRESSES

Committees and Delegates Make Good Reports—An Unusually Successful Convention.

The seventh meeting of the Franklin County Baraca-Philathea Union met with the classes at Perry's Chapel Saturday afternoon and Sunday November third and fourth.

Dr. N. Y. Guley of Wake Forest College preached the introductory sermon, using as a scripture lesson the Psalm one hundred thirty-seven and taking for a subject patriotism. Those who have heard this able speaker may well imagine what they missed in not hearing this sermon. If there had been nothing more on the program the meeting would have been worth all that had been put into it. Every one was filled with inspiration as Dr. Guley gave reasons for patriotism to our country and to the kingdom of God, showing that our citizenship demanded that we do our best. This brought to mind our motto—"We do Things". Saturday evening Miss Mamie Dickens conducted devotional exercises. The reading from Matthew was very appropriate and the few selected remarks made it doubly impressive.

The subject, "What the Convention Should Mean to Our Classes," was discussed by Rev. Mr. Stamps. This discussion was instructive to some classes—especially, as former meetings to them have meant nothing.

Mrs. Dr. Hester of Knightdale followed this with an excellent paper, "What It Means to be a Delegate to a Convention." This was especially good. Mrs. Hester actually gave a full report on the last state convention showing that she knew how to be a delegate as well as to tell others how.

The social hour closed the meeting for the evening. This was interesting, amusing and helpful. At this time plans were discussed "class plans" and "individual plans".

Sunday morning at ten o'clock Hon. B. W. Ballard of Franklinton led the devotional exercises.

10:20 P. M. The regular business meeting was held, only eighteen classes were represented. The reports from these were inspiring, giving evidence that they were living up to their motto and proving their name.

11:00 P. M. Dr. Love, president of Louisburg College addressed the Union. His theme bearing on the visions and opportunities of youth. In all the history of the organization there has not been a more able speaker to take part in the program. It is to be regretted that every Baraca and Philathea member did not hear this address.

1:30 P. M. The committees on reports and Place made the following reports: Mr. Murray reported Sandy Creek Philathea winning with the best report of work done in class since last convention; Mr. W. F. Joyner reported White Level as place selected for the next convention.

2:00 P. M. Prof. E. B. Cox presented the banner to the winning class and Miss Lonie Nelms, president of the class accepted it.

2:15 Prof. Cox gave a delightful address his subject being "Bringing the Kingdom of God to Pass in the World." This was another drought of inspiration.

At the afternoon session Hon. B. W. Ballard took a few minutes to talk in the interest of the Food Administration and Red Cross work. This was especially opportune as there are so many ways by which the classes may help our country.

Between each part throughout the program the "Student Quartette," of Wake Forest College rendered selections. This feature added greatly to the splendid success of the occasion. A rising vote of thanks was extended the young men who had given the audience such a delightful entertainment.

The next meeting of the Union will be held with the White Level classes. The first Sunday in May and Saturday before. At this meeting it is especially desired that all classes be represented as plans are now being made to have this the "best of all" convention.

Each and every Baraca and Philathea in the county is appointed as a committee of one to see that his or her class is represented at the meeting. See that your class is represented at the Saturday session. See that the secretary has the names of your officers. See that your class has something to report and reports it. Others will catch the spirit. Look for these things and you will see the best county convention ever held.

ANNIE M. WILDER.

EDWARD LEIGH BEST LITERARY SOCIETY

Nov. 22nd, the Pupils and teachers of Hickory Rock Academy met together for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society, which will be known as the Edward Leigh Best Literary Society.

The following officers were elected: Estelle Johnson, President; Ollie Wester, Vice-President; Willie Mae Hedgepeth, Secretary; Victor Joyner, Assistant Secretary; Susie Leigh Tharrington, Treasurer; Miss Ernestine Hayes, Critic; Miss Dora Barbour, Pianist; Miss Susie Lee Tharrington, Assistant Pianist; Miss Lillie Valentine, Poetess.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

The Board of Education met in regular session Monday with all members present. The following business was disposed of after approving minutes of former meeting.

The Walnut Grove colored school was ordered to be closed by the Secretary, until the indebtedness of \$100 was paid.

The committee from the Riley school district reported that they thought it best to let Riley school building remain as it is for the present. The report was accepted.

Upon order the attorney to the Board was instructed to collect from the Board of County Commissioners the school fund for 1916-17.

C. R. Sandling was appointed a committee to represent the Board of Education at a meeting of School Board members to be held at the teachers assembly in Charlotte during Thanksgiving week.

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

A WARNING TO MERCHANTS

Charging Extortionate Prices Prohibited By The Government

SOME IN FRANKLIN ALREADY REPORTED

Mr. J. C. Jones, Federal Food Administrator for Franklin Puts Out A Word of Warning.

I have been requested by the Federal Food Administration at Raleigh to report to them the names of all merchants charging extortionate prices for groceries, etc.

Although I have received several complaints from people saying they were being charged too much for certain articles, I have as yet reported no one having requested permission from the Administration to wait until the publication of this article.

In this letter to me they said, "Let it be plainly understood that the United States Government has no desire to disturb or interfere with legitimate trade, but its purpose is rather to stabilize prices and trade generally, but it is the purpose of the Food Administration to limit profits to what they were under normal circumstances."

In other words no merchant will be allowed to gouge the public by taking advantage of war conditions.

All merchants, both wholesale and retail doing \$100,000 worth of business will be licensed, and no licensee will be permitted to sell any commodity to any merchant guilty of charging extortionate prices.

This means that if any merchant is found guilty of charging more than a reasonable profit for his goods he will not be able to make any purchases from the wholesaler.

While it is requested that all cases of merchant charging extortionate prices be reported to me, together with the names of the article and the price asked for it, I sincerely hope that I will not be forced to report any merchant in the county.

JOSEPH C. JONES, Federal Food Administrator for Franklin County.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

Beginning on last Monday morning the Seaboard Air Line Railway put in effect a change of schedule on the morning shoofly. The train leaves Louisburg at 6:45 instead of 8:15 as heretofore and returns at 10:20 the same time as in the past. No change has been made in the schedule of the other trips.

TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION

I have received many favorable reports from the District Committees for the pledge card campaign and feel sure that we shall have a fine report for the county.

Some of the committees have not returned their cards to me yet, and as I am very anxious to make my report to Mr. Page I will appreciate their sending them to me at once.

If there are some others in your district whom you wish to see, send in their cards when signed, but return all signed ones to me at once together with any home and window cards you may have left.

Also return all unsigned pledge cards you have left, except a few for the ones in your district who have not signed.

Please attend to this at once as it is very necessary that I get the cards to Mr. Page this week.

JOSEPH C. JONES, Federal Food Administrator for Franklin County.

Many a young man goes away to seek his fortune when Fortune is seeking him at home.

It improves the soup to throw a little pepper into it. Same way with a town.

There is only one better man than the man who gets behind and pushes in an effort to improve the town, and that's the man who goes ahead and pulls.

The price of wool inclines the buyer to the belief that the "wooly staple" is true to its name.

NO CARDS IN TOWN!

In the publication of the invitation of the marriage of Miss Roxie Harris to Mr. Harry Longfellow Candler, which takes place on Wednesday, November 14th, in our last issue we omitted the line "No cards in town," which information was given us at a later time than the invitation. The omission was caused from the fact that we had to have all our news matter put in type by the News and Observer Publishing Co., in Raleigh and the copy had all gone in before the later information reached us, which, however would have been in time had we not been handicapped in our haste. The friends of the contracting parties will please bear in mind that it was all an unavoidable omission on the part of the paper.

NEW FIRM

Messrs. John Howell and A. W. Perry, Jr. have entered into a partnership and will conduct a heavy and fancy grocery business on Main St. in the new brick building of Mr. J. S. Howell.

These two gentlemen are well known among our people as among the best business men in the county and their active management of the new firm is a guarantee of success.

Nick Romanoff, too would doubtless appreciate a "place in the sun."