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## FARMERS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

AT BIGGEST MASS MEETING EVER  
HELD IN LOUISBURG.

Protesting Against The Present Conditions of The Tobacco Market, at Meeting of Tobacco Growers on Tuesday—Many Good Speeches, All Local.

At possibly the largest mass meeting from the standpoint of attendance the Court House being packed to capacity for standing room and many on the outside, ever held in Franklin County the Tobacco farmers adopted resolutions condemning the present tobacco crisis and formed a permanent organization to assist the tobacco farmer in the future.

By request Mr. S. A. Newell called the meeting to order and stated its purpose and called Mr. C. P. Harris to the Chair. A. F. Johnson of the Franklin Times acted as Secretary. The temporary organization being complete the meeting was opened for general discussion of the tobacco situation.

Rev. J. U. Teague made a telling speech and included many wise suggestions, covering practically the situation.

A motion, in the interest of time, prevailed that the Chair appoint a committee to draft resolutions to be adopted by the meeting. The Chair appointed Messrs. T. W. Ruffin, J. U. Teague, D. G. Pearce, J. C. Jones, J. L. Byron, K. E. Gupton, W. R. Rogers.

Mr. G. W. Ford was quite enthusiastic in his ideas of relief and presented some good advice and plans. The most outstanding idea was to raise half a million dollars equip factories and manufacture cigarettes from our own weed and sell the finished product.

Capt. I. H. Kearney suggested that the farmers hold their tobacco as long as possible and then market it slowly.

Mr. J. B. McKenzie suggested a reduction in acreage for another year. Mr. W. A. Jones gave quite a lengthy discussion on organization, urging the importance of the farmers organizing and pointing to the results that could be obtained.

The Committee on Resolutions were announced. Chairman Ruffin of the committee, before reading the resolutions took occasion to implore the farmers to be reasonable, that there was nothing to gain in unreasonable, stating that the farmers had been sinned against, but that through well guided cooperation better conditions could be brought about. The resolutions submitted followed:

We the tobacco growers of Franklin County being assembled and after due deliberation are resolved: That whereas all other lines of industry are showing unparalleled thrift and prosperity, labor getting the highest wages in human history, manufacturers admittedly making profits in numerous cases 200 per cent on the capital stock annually, all of which make the cost of living higher for the farming people, and whereas we take it as admitted that the farmer is entitled to his share of prosperity and at least to a decent living wage.

Now, therefore we the tobacco growers of Franklin County in mass meeting assembled in the town of Louisburg do hereby promulgate and pledge our earnest support to the following resolutions adopted by the Vance County tobacco growers:

"First. That in the production we have stood between the elements and the rest of the world; we have carried all risks to date, and have already accounted for attendant losses, so we do now resent and protest against any tendencies of those controlling the price of our tobacco in as much as said persons or corporations have run no risk in the production of the crop, and stand no risk of losing if the farmers are paid a fair price.

"Second. In view of the fact that the manufacturers and dealers are increasing their wealth in these days of prosperity all we ask of the commercial world is a square deal—an opportunity to lay by some accumulations for ourselves and families. We desire to live and let live. We have worked faithfully, not for our profit, nor for our pleasure, but in the hope of profit. Our products are for sale but we are determined not to sacrifice the result of our toil upon the altar of the speculators' greed.

"Third. That we are willing to offer our tobacco upon the open market provided only that the trade is willing to allow us a good living profit; otherwise, we shall feel compelled to call upon producers everywhere and of every class to come to our aid in an effort to close the doors of the packing houses until the markets of the world may indicate a disposition to deal with us in a just manner.

"Fourth. That we further advise the farmers to prepare their tobacco in a good merchantable condition and market as uniformly as possible so that the market will not be flooded at any one time.

"Fifth. We furthermore request that our brother farmers throughout the bright leaf district call district or county meetings and take similar action immediately.

In addition we adopt the following of our own:

We recommend that a permanent organization consisting of all farmers, bankers and time merchants of this county be formed with the purpose of protecting the farmer in the present and all future tobacco crisis. That this organization consist of a permanent Chairman, a secretary, and executive committee, which shall consist of at least one member from each township in the county.

That we earnestly request that the spirit of co-operation be encouraged among all farmers and their creditors. We further recommend that an organization for the entire bright tobacco belt of this state be effected to advise with and assist the tobacco farmers in the sale of their tobacco and to protect them against any further crisis in the tobacco market.

We further recommend that these resolutions be published in the Franklin Times.

Mr. W. M. Person rose to amend the resolutions to the effect that no tobacco be put on the market until the prices become satisfactory to the farmer. In his argument in defense of his amendment he stated substantially that no farmer should sell his tobacco for these prices, but should keep it at home and if the merchant pressed him to give bond and fight it out in Court, that it would take two years to get it into Court and then a jury would give him the verdict. He also expressed himself as thinking that the Federal Reserve system was responsible for tight money and that the tobacco interests had met and set the prices they would pay. His remarks in regard to resisting the payment of accounts brought forth much comment to the contrary by the Chair and others. All taking the position that after the merchant had favored the farmer by furnishing him all the year the least the farmer could do would be to co-operate with the merchant to the end that the merchant could meet his obligation. No one expressed any other idea than that the merchant would be glad to cooperate with the farmer and assist him all they could.

Messrs. Malone and Ruffin defended the position of the Banks in their desire to assist both the merchants and the farmers in stating that at many times the Banks have borrowed money and loaned to the farmers at a smaller interest charge than they had to pay. The Federal Reserve Bank was defended in the statement that the Banks had not attempted to stop loans except on unnecessary transactions such as automobile paper, and that it had been liberal with its funds for all legitimate expenses.

Mr. J. A. Mitchner took the position that in order to be of any real good something must be done now to help the fellow who cannot help himself.

Mr. J. O. Sledge spoke of the necessity of the farmers carrying over their surplus crops, and suggested that at the farmers make more corn and hay instead of hauling so much from town. To illustrate a position he attempted to make plain that the meeting should set a price for which the farmer should hold his tobacco he illustrated by saying that if it costs you 40 cents a pound to make your tobacco you should add a reasonable profit and make your price and stick to it.

The question on the motion for adopting the resolutions was called for and it being found that the amendment had no second the motion to adopt the resolutions as reported was put and carried by a rising vote.

The sentiment of the meeting was called for on the question of a permanent organization and it being in the affirmative the election of officers was taken up. Mr. C. P. Harris was elected President, Mr. J. A. Mitchner was elected Vice-President and Mr. J. L. Byron was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Chairman was instructed to appoint an Executive Committee in compliance with the resolutions.

The Chairman appointed the Executive Committee as follows: Dumas J. N. Perry; Harris—J. B. Kiny; Youngville—R. B. Roberts; Franklin—J. H. Kearney; Hayesville—H. F. Mitchell; Sandy Creek—A. J. Joyner; Gold Mine—John W. Neal; Cedar Rock—E. S. Fulghum; Cypress Creek—W. H. Delbridge; Louisburg—N. M. Perry.

Another meeting was called for next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A motion to adjourn was made and carried closing one of the best mass meetings ever held in Louisburg and exhibiting an unprecedented interest.

### Postponed.

We are requested to announce that the meeting of the Stockholders of the Wood Banking and Trust Co. which was to have taken place at its banking house on September 21st, has been postponed to Friday, October 1st, 1920 at 9 a. m.

### Dinner Party.

Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, Jr., was at home Friday evening at a dinner party in honor of her guests, Messrs. Nena and Ria Parker, of Warrington. Those present were Messdames W. H. Ruffin, J. E. Malone, J. J. Barrow, W. P. Neal, G. F. Smith, Misses Nena and Ria Parker.

If your neighbor is full of faults let others tell them to you.

## C. B. CLARK HELD UNDER \$1000 BOND

BOUND OVER TO COURT UNDER \$500 BOND FOR ASSAULT

And Fined \$20 and Costs—Nathan Clarke Bound Over to Court in Three Cases and Supt. Mills Bound Over in Two Cases—E. S. Ford Fined \$10 and Costs.

As an outcome of the attack on Supt. W. R. Mills of the Louisburg Graded School on last Saturday night and on Friday and on Prof. A. S. Kiser some days before Mayor Joyner held quite a large crowd in the Court House on Monday morning. When the cases were called Messrs. Holden and Person were representing the defendants, C. B. and Nathan Clarke and Messrs. Yarborough, Malone and Beam were representing the prosecution.

Mayor Joyner called the cases and disposed of them as follows:

E. S. Ford, disorderly conduct, in connection with the trouble with Prof. Kiser submitted, fined \$10 and costs. Nathan Clarke, carrying concealed weapons, continued to Wednesday. Tried Wednesday and placed under bond of \$300 for appearance at Court.

Nathan Clarke, assault with deadly weapon, bound over to Court \$100 bond.

Nathan Clarke, affray with W. R. Mills, bound over to Court \$100 bond. W. R. Mills, affray with Nathan Clarke, bound over to Court, \$100 bond.

W. R. Mills, carrying concealed weapons, bound over to Court, \$100 bond.

C. B. Clarke, disorderly conduct, fined \$20.00 and cost. The Mayor stating that he was giving him the maximum limit under the ordinance.

C. B. Clarke, wilful assault on W. R. Mills with deadly weapon, bound over to Court under \$500 bond.

It was the latter case that brought up so much interest and indignation on the part of Louisburg citizens. From the benches and from the reports from people who were on the scene, it came that Mr. Clarke had become enraged at the fact that another Nathan had had a difficulty with Supt. W. R. Mills on Friday for sending his step son home for correction and had gotten a bad end of the affair and had determined to interfere himself. So when Supt. Mills was on his way down the street Saturday night for his mail he, Clarke, attacked the Superintendent at the Farmers & Merchants Bank demanding an explanation, but before it could be given he proceeded to beat him over the head. Supt. Mills, on the advice of friends, having taken a pistol with him for protection, reached for his gun and fought Clarke at the same time. The gun caught in his pocket and dropped to the ground. Both reached for it, Mr. Mills got the gun and some one caught his hand. At this time Mills was on his knees and Clarke was striking his head with some weapon that was proven by Doctors Yarborough and Johnson to be of some metallic substance that came within the meaning of deadly weapons. It also developed that C. B. Clarke's assault took place after Nathan Clarke had called at the Graded Schools and had made friends with Supt. Mills on Saturday morning.

This caused the citizens of Louisburg to become very indignant and were loud in their expressions against such an outrage.

The attorneys for the defense moved that the peace bond of \$1000 taken against C. B. Clarke on Saturday night be squashed, but the Mayor held it over till Wednesday at which time a hearing was given to C. B. Clarke to be held under a peace bond, which was heard and demanded. The bond being \$1000.

The Mayor in his remarks when he announced his decisions took occasion to say many timely things to the public. Assuring them that it was to their interest to keep the school, but under such conditions as had prevailed the past week it could not be done.

Regular Service at St. Paul's Church Sunday.

Service at St. Paul's Church Sunday next will be early Communion at 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Rector, officiating. All cordially invited to attend service and especially the Mission beginning Monday night, Sept. 27th.

In the announcement of services at St. Paul's church in the last issue of the Times an error was made in the name of the Rector. It was given as Bentley and should have read Hartley.

### To Masons.

This is to inform all Masons in Franklin County that Bro. J. W. Patton, Grand Lecturer will be with Louisburg Lodge No. 413 A. F. & A. M. for one week commencing Monday, September 20th. You are cordially invited to attend these lectures, S. F. Boddie, W. M.

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## GRADED SCHOOL PATRONS INDIGNANT

HOLD MASS MEETING IN COURT HOUSE MONDAY.

Adopt Ringing Resolutions—Much Indignant Feeling Expressed—Several Good Speeches Made.

A mass meeting of patrons and citizens of the Louisburg Graded School district was held in the Court House on Monday afternoon for the purpose of registering their disapproval and condemnation of the assault on Supt. W. R. Mills on Friday and Saturday night before. Quite a large crowd was present and in addition to their capacity as citizens and patrons the Ladies Missionary Societies of the Methodist and Baptist churches attended in a body. President F. S. Love of the Louisburg College was called to preside. Mr. S. A. Newell was requested to state the object of the meeting, who stated that in the face of the experiences of the past week Louisburg stood a mighty good chance to lose its teachers in the Graded School, that one had resigned and others were talking of following suit, and that this meeting was called to see whether the citizens wanted the school maintained or whether you wanted to see it run wild.

Supt. E. L. Best made quite a fine little talk, picturing the conditions and paying tribute to the management and teachers and moved that the chairman appoint a committee to draft resolutions to be adopted, to be printed in the Franklin Times and a copy sent to the Superintendent and faculty of the Graded School. The motion carried and the Chairman appointed Supt. E. L. Best, Dr. W. B. Morton and Mr. H. G. McBrayer.

Mrs. W. E. White made quite an enthusiastic little talk stating that she was in thorough sympathy with Supt. Mills and expected to cooperate with him and his efficient corps of teachers in every particular.

Mr. G. M. Beam, a member of the Board of Trustees assured the people that the Board was standing shoulder to shoulder with the Superintendent and teachers and asked that they be given the support of the people. He pointed out the importance of the thorough co-operation of every citizen to make the system a success, and employed the citizens that if any one has a grievance against the school or the teachers to take it up in the proper course through the Board of Trustees where they will be given a courteous and interested hearing.

Messrs. A. W. Alston, F. N. Egerton and G. W. Ford all expressed disapproval of the previous happenings and vouched their support of the school and its management.

Chairman Love in a very pretty but strong and loyal talk expressed himself, and the sentiments of many others on the occasion saying that Supt. Mills was a real man, one who could be depended upon to mould the character of the children of Louisburg. After giving him support and co-operation to the school and management he stated that it would not be embarrassing to carry a scar on the face received as the result of upholding the righteousness of Louisburg but a joy.

Dr. Morton, for the Committee read the following resolutions which were adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Whereas, good schools are indispensable to the well-being of the community, and

Whereas, a strict discipline is an indispensable prerequisite to good schools, and

Whereas, the Louisburg schools have all these years been characterized for their good management and wholesome discipline.

Therefore, it is resolved by the citizens of Louisburg in mass meeting assembled:

1. That we extend a hearty vote of thanks to those who have labored so faithfully and well to make these schools what they are. Among the very best.

2. That we reaffirm our confidence in the wise management and that we reassure our Superintendent and his faithful coworkers of the high esteem in which they are held by all friends of education.

3. That we pledge to them our loyal and cordial support in their faithful but difficult task of making these schools what they ought to be and are solidly behind them in their every endeavor.

4. That we resent with indignation and scorn any attempt on the part of any one who at any time or in any way seeks to interfere with a wholesome discipline, or the progressive management of these schools.

E. L. BEST,  
H. G. McBRAYER,  
W. B. MORTON.

Continuous applause greeted the remarks of Mrs. R. C. Beck when she stated that she knew that Supt. Mills would appreciate the Bouquets that were being handed him but felt that she would appreciate more the assurance that his head would not be knocked off every time he put it out of the door. If you men won't guarantee this protection we women will. Mr. Ford assured her that the men would do so.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin stated that the law

was adequate to punish such offenders, but not so without the public sentiment, and suggested that a committee of ladies and gentlemen be appointed to wait on the Judge at the coming term of Court and acquaint him with the real facts and history of these offenses, and ask that the offenders be given adequate punishment.

The motion carried and the Chairman appointed Messrs. F. B. McKinne, F. N. Egerton, M. S. Clifton, P. A. Reavis, Mrs. R. C. Beck, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. A. Turner and Mrs. H. H. Johnson.

Mr. F. B. McKinne moved that the meeting express its disapproval of the punishment of the guilty parties in the Mayors Court. The motion was carried by a rising vote.

A motion to adjourn closed one of the most united and determined mass meetings had in Louisburg in some time.

## LADIES ON COMMITTEES

FOR EACH TOWNSHIP—ACTION SATURDAY.

At Meeting of Democratic Executive Committee—To Seek the Use of School Houses for Election Purposes—Divide County into Districts.

In compliance with call the Democratic Executive Committee met in the Court House on last Saturday morning, Chairman E. H. Malone presiding and Secretary A. F. Johnson being present. The Chairman explained that the object of the meeting was to take action towards welcoming the ladies into Suffrage and the party councils, plan for the coming elections and other minor matters. The roll call resulted as follows:

Dumas—A. A. Perry.  
Harris—J. B. Kiny.  
Youngville—Absent.  
Franklin—J. H. Cooke.  
Hayesville—R. L. Stokes.  
Sandy Creek—E. N. Williams.  
Gold Mine—J. H. Wood and W. D. Fuller.

Cedar Rock—E. S. Fulghum and T. W. Stokes.

Cypress Creek—Absent.  
Louisburg—Absent.

The official members from Cedar Rock being absent a motion prevailed requesting Messrs. E. S. Fulghum and T. W. Stokes to accept proxies for their township.

The question of speaking and speakers for the coming campaign was discussed resulting in a motion which prevailed appointing the Chairman a committee of one to arrange for the speaking and to fill the appointment with speakers.

The question of financing the campaign was next to receive attention. After discussing and endorsing the plans used in the past two campaigns the Secretary was instructed to arrange for the funds in a like manner.

Suitable accommodations for the lady voters was a live question before the committee and was discussed at length with the conclusion that the Chairman consult the Board of Education and Supt. E. L. Best with the view of getting the use of the school houses in all townships that have no other public buildings available for the purpose of holding elections.

It was decided that Cox-Roosevelt-Morrison Clubs be organized in each township, and a special effort be made to get out a full vote.

The registration of the Women vote and the present condition of many of the registration books came in for their share of discussion. The final decision being that the Committee would leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Board of Elections.

A motion prevailed instructing the Chairman of each township Executive Committee to appoint five lady members to act with his committee until the next election when no doubt the plan of organization will be amended.

Williams, of Sandy Creek, proposed that the Chairman appoint a committee to see our Representative and Senator in the interest of having Franklin County divided into districts to the end that the Boards of Commissioners and Education might be made more representative. He paid quite a pleasant visit.

past officials but pointed out that for a large number of years the membership of these boards have been bunched in a manner that threw all the representation in a small area of the County. The motion prevailed and the Chairman appointed E. N. Williams and A. F. Johnson as the Committee. Mr. Williams then asked that the Chairman be made a part of the Committee. A motion prevailed making the Chairman become a part of the Committee.

In announcing the fact that the office of Surveyor was vacant on the ticket for the coming election Secretary Johnson took occasion to recall the action of the Committee in the past where it went on record as favoring an increase in fees for the Surveyor and Coroner, pointing out the fact that the County has not had an official Surveyor in ten years or more on this account and for many years the office of Coroner was vacant for the same reason. He moved that the Committee named for the purpose of bringing about a division of the County into districts be instructed to take

## LOUISBURG COLLEGE OPENS

WITH EVERY AVAILABLE ROOM FILLED.

Equipped With The Strongest Faculty in The History of The Institution—All Branches of Study Well Provided For.

Louisburg College opened last Thursday with every available space sold in advance. The student body is the largest in the history of the Institution, and the additions to the Faculty makes the coming year appear at the present time to be the best that the College has known. Registration has gone forward rapidly and active work begins on the tenth.

At no time has the Institution had a Faculty so well equipped as this year. Among the additions to the Faculty and new members are Miss Carolyn Lane of the Womens College Montgomery, Alabama, and a graduate of Smith's, Miss Lane will have the work in English. Mrs. Warrington of the Department of English Modern Languages has had a number of years experience both as a teacher and administrator. She comes to Louisburg from Athens College, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Miss Minnie Young of the Department of Latin comes to the College from the Stopwell Jackson College in Virginia, where she has had charge of Latin and Elocution. Miss Ruby Harwell of the Mathematics Department is a graduate of Womens College, Montgomery, Alabama, and is also a successful teacher.

The College is very fortunate the coming year in the additions and changes in special schools. There are five teachers of the faculty in the Faculty of Music. Mrs. F. S. Love, Director of the Department is a graduate of the Beethoven Conservatory, Post Graduate Kroeger School of Music, St. Louis. She has had several years of splendid instruction under the best teachers in the middle west.

Miss Rosalia Adams of the Piano Department comes to us from the Synodical College, Fulton, Mo., where she has had three years of successful experience, and is a woman of marked ability. Miss Essie Stanbury is one of our North Carolina girls, and has had charge of the Music in the Appalachian Training School. Miss Ruth Hall of Louisburg is a graduate of the Music Department of Louisburg, and has had special training this past summer in New York. Miss Constable comes to the College as a teacher of violin. She is a graduate of Durham Conservatory and Post Graduate Peabody Conservatory Baltimore. She has also had special training in New York. The School of Domestic Science will be in charge of Miss Perla McAllister, of Macon, Ga. Miss McAllister is peculiarly fitted for her work not only in Domestic Science, but in pure science, and is preparing for most successful work. The School of Business is undergoing a complete change this year, and will be in charge of Miss Carrie V. Fennear of Bay Minette, Alabama. Miss Fennear is thoroughly prepared for the reorganization of this work, and is preparing to place the School of Business in the front ranks of the business institutions in the state.

The College for the coming year has every prospect for effective service.

### The Mayor's Position.

At the request of Mayor L. L. Joyner, who feels that he was unjustly criticised in the mass meeting on Monday afternoon, we state that the warrant against Mr. C. B. Clarke was sworn out under Ordinance No. 23 of the town of Louisburg and on a Town warrant under which he gave the maximum fine. The ordinance reads:

Ordinance No. 23. Any person who shall, in the corporate limits of the town, publicly use any obscene or profane language, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct, tending to violate the peace, quiet and good order of the town, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty dollars."

He also states in reference to his remitting fines that he was within his rights under Ordinance No. 53 reading that "After conviction and judgment for the violation of any of the ordinances, of the town the Mayor is authorized to remit so much of the penalty as in his judgment the circumstances may warrant." He states that he has remitted fines but in each case he was satisfied that they were unjustly imposed.

up the matter of fees for the Surveyor or Coroner to the end of having them made sufficiently adequate that representative men may be had to fill these important positions. The motion prevailed.

B. B. Egerton was elected to fill the vacancy on the ticket for Surveyor.

No other business coming before the Co. mitee adjournment was taken subject to call.

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