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Look out now for town politics.

Already the Mayoralty Bee is buzzing in many hats.

The latest report is that a lady citizen will run for Mayor of Louisburg. Hurrah.

Tomorrow one week is when the General Assembly is supposed to adjourn.

One week today and the administration of the Government will change to Harding.

Greensboro is getting some front page advertising these days in the Varner trial.

It may be legal but certainly not proper for a Judge to hold an outside position while holding his commission as Judge.

Nobody has volunteered as yet to publicly assume the responsibility for drafting the bill that increased the salary of Franklin County officials. The people would like to know.

What's the use for Mr. Bailey and Mr. Branson arguing the question "Is North Carolina a Rich State?" It makes no difference whether it is or not none of us would trade it for any of the others.

Why not amend the charter of the Louisburg Graded School so that the members of the Board of Trustees may be elected and do away with the self-perpetuation of the Board. It would cost less than fifty dollars a year to hold the election and would, besides being more Democratic, be a long way more satisfactory. Let all who are in favor of such a change inform their representatives at once.

It is to be hoped that our legislators will provide a law whereby the County can take over the maintenance of roads as a county unit. Its true the 1917 law will open the way but that provides for building too. We think the townships should be allowed to do their own building, especially since several of the townships have projects under way. Lets prepare to take care of the roads after they have been built.

President-elect Harding has evidently struck a snag in his own party in the selection of A. W. Mellon for the Secretary of the Treasury, as Congress has been dealing out some very severe criticisms of him. It seems that he was one of the owners of a big Steel Corporation who took a contract to deliver carriages for big guns at the outbreak of the war and had delivered only one at the end of the war, and as soon as the war was over the Company began to deliver them by the wholesale. If this is true he will be an ideal (?) official. Charles E. Hughes has been selected as Secretary of State.

Judging from the reports published some time ago the salary fund of Franklin County should be quite a neat sized one. Of course the credit for all the items that were paid the officers as fees should be credited to the salary fund, but these same credits should be taken from the sources of origination and put in the salary fund. For instance the law provides a commission of five per cent on the first fifty thousand dollars and two and one-half per cent on all the balance of taxes collected by the sheriff. These commissions should be charged up and taken from the several different funds and put to the credit of the salary fund. And the same principle should apply to all the other offices. This would create a fund possibly sufficient to pay the salaries at any rate it would relieve the General Purpose fund of that much burden, if such is not already done. Anyway it would be well for the Commissioners to investigate and be sure that it is. In that case each different district or section would bear its proportional cost of government.

We can't agree with Mr. Alston in his fears for the future of the Democratic party on account of its stand on revaluation. Our understanding of Democracy is that it stands for a square deal to everybody. And now if it is to be condemned because it is

requiring the people who have the property to pay the tax instead of those who are not able to own the property we think it would be an honor that every true Democrat would take pleasure in assuming. There is at least two thousand tax payers in Franklin County who own no land at all and we believe almost three thousand who own less than three hundred acres each. Does any one contend for a moment that the little property they have should pay twice or three times as much tax as the land owned by a few? We do think, however, that every citizen should have to pay some tax as we believe that it creates an interest in the government that nothing else will, to which end a bill has been introduced in the General Assembly reducing the property exemptions to \$100 instead of \$300. Talk about land being valued too high. Why land is sold under foreclosure proceedings almost weekly at around \$100 per acre and the average valuation for taxation is only about \$40. We may be wrong, but if we are any Judge, the Democratic party is standing firm beside of the people who are not able to defend themselves and fighting their battles for justice and we don't believe a Democratic Legislature is going to put it on the other side of the fence.

HEARING BEFORE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Editor:—I do not wish to monopolize your columns, but I have been requested to give a more detailed report of our meeting with the joint finance committee to present the revaluation subject. After the mass meeting was held here on Jan. 29, and I was appointed Secretary to the committee that was to go to Raleigh. I wrote to Senator F. B. McKinne and asked him to make arrangements for an appointment for our committee to meet with the joint committee of the House and Senate. Tuesday, Feb. 8th had already been set apart as a date for a joint meeting of the Finance Committee to consider this subject and it was arranged for us to go on that date. When we got there it developed that the Farmers Alliance was there in great numbers from all over the state and under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Bailey, had arranged a program to consume all of the time before the committee for that day. Senator McKinne, seeing the situation, conferred with Mr. Doughton, acting chairman of the joint committee, and got him to agree to recognize our committee first, as soon as the meeting was called to order, and in this way we were enabled to present our views before the Farmers Alliance got control of the floor. But for this shrewd arrangement on the part of Senator McKinne it is doubtful that we could have gotten in a single word. Senator McKinne showed us every courtesy, handled the situation magnificently, and assured us that he would use all his influence to procure the things asked for in the resolutions to bring about a substantial reduction in farm land valuations, etc. Respectfully submitted, S. A. NEWELL.

ENDORSES PUBLIC WELFARE.

Mr. A. F. Johnson, Editor Franklin Times, Louisburg, N. C. My dear Editor: I notice that there is some talk of abolishing the Public Welfare office of Franklin County. I want to say frankly that this ought not to be done. Had it not been for that office today there would have been a little mound of earth and underneath would be the remains of the man that wrote this. Back in July, 1920, I was sick and down with tuberculosis. I had no money, of course my friends gave me a lot but money was not the thing that counted. I could get no where to take treatment, my health was failing fast. As soon as Mr. Jones, Superintendent of Public Welfare, heard I was unable to get in a sanitarium he went to work and was successful after many trials in getting me a place and today I am gaining back strong and in a few more months I will be myself again. And I repeat again had it not been for the start that the Public Welfare gave me I should not be here now. Through the courtesy of the Public Welfare office, the Louisburg Red Cross chapter become acquainted with my case and they are now helping me get well by paying for my treatment here in the North Carolina sanitarium therefore I cannot say enough for the Public Welfare and the Red Cross as they have made it possible for me to live. So please carry the banner high for the Public Welfare and the American Red Cross. I am always thankful to them. J. K. BREWER, Sanitarium, N. C.

A Real Helpmeet.

Neighbor (bearer of message, breathlessly):—"You're wanted at home, Charlie. Yer wife's just presented yer with another rebate off yer income tax."

To Stop a Cough Quick

take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head-Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup. The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough. Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

MR. REAVIS DISCUSSES CITY GOVERNMENT.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 21.—North Carolina cities are steadily drifting away from the aldermanic form of city government in the direction of the commission form, the city manager form, or a combination of the two, according to a report made tonight to the North Carolina Club at the University of North Carolina by P. A. Reavis, Jr., of Louisburg. As to the proper choice among these three kinds of government Mr. Reavis thought Tar Heel cities with more than 10,000 inhabitants would find the combination of the commission form and the city manager form best suited for their needs and he laid special stress on the amended charter to be submitted to the people of Greensboro March 1. For cities under 10,000 in population he favored the city manager plan. "The large cities usually have many industries and an element of labor which must be taken into consideration in recommending governmental reform," he said. "Organized labor everywhere sanctions the commission manager plan of government because it eliminates the usual political harangues. The commission-manager plan is more dependable in a large city where there is usually more legislative and routine matter than can be handled by a single individual, but all cities of less than 10,000 population no matter whether they are industrial or not, will find it more efficient to use the city manager plan. It eliminates the expense of the mayor and the aldermen who are usually paid for their services." Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Hickory, High Point, Morganton and Thomasville were cited as city-manager cities in North Carolina. Kingston, said Mr. Reavis, is thrashing the plan out before its aldermanic council, with the expectation of putting the question to the people at a near date. Durham is considering the matter at its aldermanic meetings, and Greensboro submits its amended charter to the people March 1. In discussion at the club meeting it developed that nearly all larger cities in North Carolina had abandoned the aldermanic plan. "No single movement in the whole domain of municipal affairs has had such rapid and widespread growth as the commission form of government in American cities," said Mr. Reavis.

COUNTY BULLETIN.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 21.—The Franklin County Club of the University is formulating plans that will be of interest to the people of the county. In their last meeting the Club adopted a plan to get out a county bulletin covering the various industrial and agricultural elements in the county. A committee with J. S. Massenburg as chairman, was elected to carry out the plan and begin preparation on the bulletin. It will contain articles on county roads, schools, industries, and the prospects for future growth in the way of manufacturing. The agricultural element will be discussed by P. A. Reavis, Jr. The different members of the Club will write the different articles. One feature of the bulletin will be the historic sketch by Jones Parham who will get all information by research in the county history. The bulletin will consist of about one hundred and fifty pages with illustrations of the mills, schools and other points of interest. The Club held its regular "feed" a few days ago with a full membership of thirteen present. At this feed all the fellows enjoyed the presence of Dean Noble, an old inhabitant of Franklin County. He told us more history about the county than we thought was in the whole state. He is a regular fellow and we like to have him around. At the "feed" the members discussed various problems which the county and the University were interested. Higher education was the main topic and it was decided to write our representatives in Raleigh to use their influence to give Carolina all the help that she asks in her budget. The Club is composed of thirteen men from the county. J. S. Massenburg was elected president and W. E. White, Jr., secretary and treasurer. "Ole Man" Gattis of Goliath fame is the high knocker with the idea that the club ought to adopt a code but it was vetoed by the majority present. Mr. P. A. Reavis, Jr., who is manager of the Carolina Magazine, is one of the most active men in his class and the Club is proud to have him as one of its members—as popular a fellow as Gus—he is putting—so to speak—Louisburg on the map since the departure of Bill Neal. The club is at the disposal of the people of the county for information which can be found in the various departments at the University and any member will be glad to serve—write is all we ask. J. S. MASSENBURG.

JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION.

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 19.—On Monday night, February 14th, 1921, the dining hall of East Carolina Teachers Training School was beautifully decorated, carrying out the color scheme of red and white, which was planned in an attractive manner, to bring back the thought of St. Valentine. The receiving line consisted of: Miss Leah Cooke, president of the Junior Class, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wright, Miss Louise McCain, Mrs. Kate Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harding, Miss Lillie Mae Dawson, Mr. J. H. Rose, Miss Marie Lowery, Mr. Arthur F. Bowen, of N. C. State College, Dr. and Mrs. Laughinghouse, Miss Lucy Andrews, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Miss Carrie Lee Belle, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, Miss Oma O'Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Meadows. The Seniors and honored guest entered the dining hall, escorted by the Juniors, to the receiving line, where they were introduced by Misses Ross and Lewis, in their graceful manner. They were then served punch by Miss

On Thursday, March 3, 1921, at about the hour of noon, at the store formerly occupied by The McBrayer Clothing Company, in the town of Louisburg, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction, for cash, all accounts due The McBrayer Clothing Company remaining unpaid at that time. A list of the debtors will be furnished prospective bidders at the time and place of sale.

B. F. MCKINNE, Receiver for The McBrayer Clothing Company, Inc.

es Cole, Cobel, Buffalo, Bradley and Cooke. The guest were then invited to dance and play Seniors.

The Seniors then chose their champions for target practice, Miss Helen Watson was the winner and Miss Clara Todd won the heart.

All were then entertained by Mr. A. P. Bowen, of N. C. State, by performing some of his magic stunts, ez, the ouija board.

The Seniors danced the Nunnetti, after which the Seniors and all invited guests, formed a double file across the dining hall. The refreshments were served by the Juniors, led by Miss Mae Osborne, as they marched down the center in double file, carrying lighted candles.

All left declaring it the most attractive reception ever given at the Training School.

Those in charge were Misses Leah Cooke, Louise McCain, Lillie Mae Dawson, Marie Lowery and Miss Elizabeth Vaughan.

LAWYERS AND METHODISTS PREDOMINATE IN ASSEMBLY

Biographical Data in North Carolina Manual Sets Forth Some Intimate Facts.

Lawyers and Methodists preponderate as to professions and religious denominations in the present General Assembly, though neither has a clear majority in either House, according to the biographical data set forth in the North Carolina Manual, issued during the past week by R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

The figures fall a little short of completeness, evidently due to an indisposition on the part of a number of members to set forth the salient facts of their several careers. A dozen or more members in the House made no reply to the request for sketches, and somewhat fewer than that in the Senate.

Thirteen professions and ten religious denominations are found among the members of the House and six professions and eight religious denominations are found in the Senate.

Presbyterians take second rank in the Senate and Baptists in the House. Farmers take second place in both branches as to professions. The tabulation stands as follows:

- Senate professions: Lawyers, 25; farmers, 8; bankers, 4; manufacturers, 3; doctors, 3; lumbermen, 1. Senate religions: Methodists, 15; Presbyterians, 8; Baptists, 7; Episcopalians, 5; Society of Friends, 2; Reformed Church, 1; Lutheran, 1; Hebrew, 1. House professions: Lawyers, 36; farmers, 31; merchants, 9; doctors, 5; lumbermen, 4; bankers, 3; insurance brokers, 2; preachers, 2; manufacturers, 2; blacksmiths, 1; contractors, 1; teachers, 1. House religions: Methodists, 29; Baptists, 25; Presbyterians, 14; Episcopalians, 12; Christians, 3; Reformed Church, 2; Society of Friends, 2; Catholics, 1; Universalists, 1.

WOOD ITEMS.

Miss Beulah Lanier who has been attending Louisburg College, returned to her home in New-York after spending several days here.

Misses Pearl and Ruth Gupton spent last week with friends and relatives near Zebulon.

We are very glad to know that Mr. Munford and Thomas Dorsey who were taken to Park View Hospital for appendicitis, is expected to recover after being so very ill.

Messrs. Stephen Gupton, Guss West and B. B. Sykes made a business trip to Raleigh last Monday.

We were very proud to have had the Lyceum Chautauqua with us last Wednesday night it being the best of music given here.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. is begging everybody to be present at every meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller visited Rocky Mount last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eugenia Boone visited her home in Castalla last Sunday.

Miss Jessie Burney, of Hickory, spent some time with her sister, Mrs T. C. Dorsey.

Miss Annie Harper, of Rocky Mount, spent last week end with her sister, Miss Neva Harper, and Miss Lenna Fleetwood.

Mr. Williams, of Littleton, visited his cousin, J. R. Montgomery here.

Mrs. M. B. Munford and Richard Pullen went to see her sick husband in Park View hospital of Rocky Mount.

Richard Pullen and Miss Lenna Fleetwood went to Rocky Mount Sunday afternoon to take Miss Annie Harper.

We were very glad to read the letter written by Graham Strickland last week. We are very glad to know he is liking Oklahoma but, would like to have him come to see his friends some times. To the boys—if you are in doubt thinking what to take your girl on Sunday afternoon take a Peanut bag full of lemon jumbles. Yours till the snow melts. "JUST ME."

SEED OATS \$1.00 Per Bushel LESS THAN FIVE BUSHELS \$1.10 Feed and provisions are never so cheap that it pays a farmer to buy them. As long as your corn crib is in Iowa, your hay stack in Michigan and your smoke house in Chicago, you need never expect to make money farming. This may seem like idle talk to some who read it, but take it from us, when you stop making your provisions at home there is a larger demand for those raised in other sections and the prices advance rapidly. Let's begin the new year right and make dear old Franklin County absolutely independent of all other sections by raising our own Hog and Hominy. McKinne Bros. Co. Satisfaction Or Your Money Back Louisburg, North Carolina.

TRAGEDIES The man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. HE COULDN'T The man struck a match to see if the GASOLINETANK in his auto was empty. IT WASN'T The man looked down the barrel of his gun to see if it was loaded. IT WAS The man touched an electric wire to see if it was alive. IT WAS The man had a BIG FIRE; WAS HE INSURED? HE WASN'T When You Think of INSURANCE THINK OF WATSON