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MAYOR JOYNER BEFORE BOOK CLUB.

Upon invitation of the Edwin Fuller Book Club Mayor Joyner addressed a number of the ladies of Louisville at a meeting of the Club held at the home of Mr. F. N. Egerton, as the guests of Mrs. W. Underhill, on Thursday, March 10th, 1921, on the "Achievements and the plans of the future for Louisville" wherein he in announcing himself a candidate for the office of Mayor for Louisville in the coming primary, pointed with pride to the many achievements of the past administration under his leadership had accomplished, and enumerated many of the things he hopes to accomplish if re-elected to the position of Mayor.

After having given a report on the financial standing of the town including statistics that were convincing, he pointed to the new electrical machinery that is bringing about a revolution over the old system and compared its quality with the statement that the same style and system of engines are being used by Uncle Sam in some of his biggest fighting ships. He then pointed with pride to the paved streets that have added so much to the comfort and convenience of the people of Louisville and added so much attraction for visitors showing that today would cost approximately fifty per cent more than they did when constructed. His next accomplishment was the new system of accounting adopted by the town several months ago, which has brought both peace and understanding out of chaos, and is second to no system in the United States today. In addition to this the police force has been augmented by the addition of a speed cop to whose efforts safety on the streets of Louisville may be restored.

In speaking of his plans for the future he wants Louisville to lead, stating that Louisville was head and shoulders above many towns with much larger population than ours. "I should like to see cleaner back yards, better facilities for fighting fire, playgrounds for the children in some centrally located point, a Woman's Club house, and a monument for our brave soldier boys, those manly fellows, who kept the bloodthirsty Huns from violating our shores and our sacred firesides."

The Mayor deviated from his theme to enter an appeal for our boys and girls wherein he said "there is one matter of great importance I would talk with you, and this sentiment bred by every day observation is to me a most important matter if our civilization is to improve rather than go backward with the passing years. I refer of course to the every day conduct of our boys and girls. If these boys and girls are to make good citizens they must have the proper coaching and environment. There are some that do not require it, please God,—but Oh! there are so many more who do. Too long these children on the threshold of manhood or womanhood are permitted to be elective in habits at home and at school. The responsibilities of Citizenship should be impressed upon them at home and in the school room just as soon as they are capable of understanding the first principles of Government and organization. If this is exacted properly and with lucid explanation it is then easier for these boys and girls to understand later the reason for laws and requirements of civil authorities. Judges and prison authorities assert that mostly men and women who have gone wrong have done so because of lack of training when young in the fundamentals of human society; of failure in explanation that the Church, the state and the school all are created for the benefit of what might be termed their "institutional sense." Therefore, let us start these young people on the right path, ever reminding them that it is more important to give to the mind proper training and ideas than to concern themselves so much about the appearance and dress or undress of the body. You do not, you cannot appreciate the feelings of men about these things. St. Paul said "Brethren, these things ought not to be." Try to turn them away from present day tendencies, the boys from what they are pleased to call being "sporty," the girls from thinking too much of their dress and attractiveness. Let us get back in some degree to the habits and customs of our ancestors and see if civilization is not benefitted thereby. The law says that in order to have its protection one must come into Court with clean hands; therefore, if you really wish to improve conditions for which men are now responsible and take your rightful part in his deliberations then teach the youth to conduct themselves so that having reached maturity they may demand the confidence and respect of all men and show themselves to be rightfully considered an asset rather than a liability."

Impressing the ladies that now it was as much their duty to take a personal interest in public matters as it was that of the men the Mayor closed his remarks with a pretty tribute to our new voters.

Mr. and Mrs. ———, Reid, of Michigan, were visitors to Louisville the past week. Mr. Reid was a former Franklin County boy leaving here 67 years ago.

FUNERAL SERVICES LARGELY ATTENDED.

The funeral services of the late Mr. J. A. White whose remains arrived in Louisville on Thursday afternoon of last week, were held from his boyhood home, now the home of Mr. W. H. Ruffin on Friday morning at 11 o'clock and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Henderson, and his remarks were worthy and consoling. Several beautiful selections were rendered by a choir during the services. The remains were then taken to Oaklawn cemetery where they were laid to rest by loving hands in the presence of a large number of friends of the family who gathered to bear testimony of the esteem of the deceased. The floral tribute was profuse and beautiful speaking a message of love that could find utterance in no other way. Several songs sweetly sang by a choir gave an additional touch of love. The pallbearers were L. L. Joyner, E. H. Malone, F. H. Allen, M. S. Clifton, J. B. Yarbrough, W. H. Furgurson.

Mr. ———, Carlpreator, representing the Southern Railway, accompanied the remains to Louisville and remained until after the funeral. Among the relatives from out of town who were in attendance at the funeral were Mr. J. R. Williams, of New York City, Mrs. Thomas White and daughters, of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. White and Mr. R. S. White, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bernhardt, of Salisbury.

AMONG THE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Elias Beasley visited Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. S. C. Foster visited Norfolk the past week on business.

Dr. J. E. Malone paid Norfolk a business visit the past week.

Mr. W. F. Davis, of Richmond, Va., visited Louisville Wednesday.

Mr. William Neal, of Charlotte, visited his mother the past week.

Mr. Q. S. Leonard is on a visit to his former home in Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howell visited Raleigh and Durham Wednesday.

Mrs. N. B. Allsbrook, of Mebane, visited her parents here this week.

Mr. R. Y. McAden, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisville Tuesday.

Mrs. E. S. Simpson, of Raleigh, is a visitor to friends in Louisville.

Mrs. G. R. McGrady, of Raleigh visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. High, the past week.

Mr. F. B. McKinnis, Mrs. D. F. McKinnis and Mr. B. H. Meadows visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Supt. E. L. Best attended a meeting of County Superintendents held at Greensboro the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bartholomew spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Corbitt at Selma.

Mrs. T. W. Ruffin and little daughter, Mary Leona, are on a visit to her mother at Winston-Salem.

Mrs. E. L. Best returned home from Norfolk, Va. the past week after having recovered from an operation.

Messrs. J. W. Neal, Forest Joyner and Misses Jesse Nelson and Myrtle Coley, of near Centerville, visited Greenville and Bethel Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Thomas and daughters, Mrs. George Greason, and Miss Helen Thomas and Dr. F. T. Hoff, of Raleigh, were visitors at the home of Mr. A. F. Johnson at Oakhurst Sunday.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TO THE FRONT

It is gratifying to all the citizens in Franklin County who are interested in the kind of good government that keeps its subjects fully informed as to the public affairs, to know that their County is commanding the attention of leaders in the State along this line. And it is a matter in which Messrs. A. J. Joyner and C. C. Hudson are entitled to feel proud. To show the attention the question is receiving we are reproducing a letter below received Wednesday:

Asheboro, N. C., March 22, 1921.
Editor Franklin Times,
Louisburg, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Having just seen a notice in the University News Letter on the detailed figures of the Salary Fund in your County published in your paper of February 4th, may I ask if you could send me a copy? I wish the whole State would follow your example. We all ought to know just the situation in our own county, and I have often wondered just how the information could be derived."

WOOD ITEMS.

We were very much surprised at the crowd present to see the tacky wedding. Pie and bed quilt sale. Miss Jewel Bryant happened to be the one with the lucky number, she gave the quilt back to the school to be sold to the highest bidder. Mr. J. R. Montgomery was the highest bidder and carried it away and now the quilt belongs to Miss Pearl Gupton. Quilt Pies and candy raised seventy-one dollars and thirty cents (\$71.30) for benefit of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown and family visited his brother in Rocky Mount last Sunday.

Mr. E. J. Fuller has moved on a farm in the country a few miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Pegram and son, Billy, visited Rocky Mount Sunday.

Miss Alma Fisher was a welcomed visitor here last week.

Miss Eugenia Boone spent last week end at her home in Castalia.

The teachers of White Level school were welcomed visitors here last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jewel Bryant, of Louisville, spent last week-end with Mrs. W. D. Fuller.

Don't forget to be present at the Musical Concert next Saturday night. "HONEY SUCKLE."

ANTI-TOBACCO SUNDAY IS SET FOR APRIL 10

Chicago, March 21.—A campaign by the Women's Christian Temperance Union for strict Sunday observance and against tobacco, is announced by Miss Anna A. Gordon, national president, to start April 3. That week, the announcement says, will be a week of prayer for the success of the campaign, and Sunday, April 10, is designated as "Anti-Tobacco Sunday," when literature to be sent out to W. C. T. U. branches, churches, schools and colleges will be distributed. Large signs, announcing the program for the campaign, are to be sent out soon.

Among the violations of Sunday as a day of rest, the announcement stated that 400,000 persons now are working on Sunday in this country, and restrictions are to be sought on golfing, pleasure automobile driving, ball, movies, theatres and dancing on Sunday in the campaign.

BASKET PICNIC AT LAUREL

We are requested to state that there will be a basket picnic at Laurel on Easter Monday—next Monday, to which everybody is invited to come, bring a basket, and help to make the day one of the biggest and best from the standpoint of pleasure that has been had in that section in many years.

MONDAY SETS NEW MARCH WEATHER RECORD

Monday set new records for March weather in Raleigh, according to a statement made last night by C. B. Denson, director of the local weather bureau. The thermometer yesterday touched 86, breaking all records for temperature from January 1 to March 21, inclusive.

To find anything approaching yesterday's mark the weather statisticians had to dig all the way back to 1894, 27 years ago. On March 19, of that year, the thermometer touched 85, but recent years has seen nothing like the recent spell of warm weather which culminated in the general shedding of coats yesterday.

According to Mr. Denson there has been only one day in the 23 day period beginning February 27 and ending yesterday in which the average temperature for the day has not exceeded normal. The sole exception was on March 4, which fell one degree short, the average for the period has been 16 degrees above normal and has been the kind of weather which the books say should not arrive in this locality until the first week in May.

But the average temperature yesterday was 75 degrees, a full 13 points above the mark of 52 that is set down in the books for March 21, and was the brand of weather ordinarily expected in the last days of May.

However there must be an end to all good things and the period ended with the record smasher yesterday. Colder weather has prevailed in the North and West for several days and Mr. Denson stated last night that Raleigh people will have to wait several weeks before getting "more of the same."—News-Observer.

THE ORPHANS.

The Oxford Orphan singing class gave a most enjoyable concert at the Star Theatre on last Friday night to one of the largest audiences seen here in some time. The orphans are always received with much interest on their visits to Louisville and on this occasion the spirit seemed to excel itself. Each number was well rendered and evidence was plentiful of the fine training the children were getting at this worthy institution.

The French are talking of abolishing their kissing custom. They might as well, in the interests of conservation if for no other reason. Why should men waste kisses on each other?—Winona (Minn.) Republican-Herald.

MINSTREL SHOW.

In behalf of the Arch Pearce Post American Legion, of Youngsville, a Minstrel Show composed of local talent of that place will be given at the Opera House in Louisville on Wednesday night, March 30th, 1921 at 8 o'clock. The object is to provide funds for the Arch Pearce Post at Youngsville. The members of the cast promise an evening of exceptional fun and laughter in the program that follows:

Introduction—By Professor Brown. Opening Chorus.

End Men Jokes or Gags. Duet—By Smiley Jones and Laesse White.

Monologue—By Snowball. Solo—By Smiley Jones—Somebody Has Done Me Wrong.

Jokes—By Snowball and Slim Jenkins. Chorus—Swanee River.

Negro Sermon—By Rev. Rastus Blinks. Chorus—Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.

Coucoudrums—Pete Snodgrass, Hambone Jackson, Prof. Brown.

Quartet—Smiley Jones, Rastus Blinks, Pete Snodgrass and Professor Brown.

Dance—By Lasse White. Comic Talk—By Booker T. Washington.

Jokes—By Highpocket and Bevo Bill. Chorus.

Cast of Characters. Professor Brown—R. E. Underwood.

Pete Snodgrass—J. K. Tharrington. Rev. Rastus Blinks—M. E. Watkins.

Smiley Jones—C. E. Jeffries. Hambone Jackson—W. T. Moss.

Snowball—John Morris. Slim Jenkins—S. E. Tharrington.

Sugar Foot Johnson—J. Freeman. Lasse White—F. J. The Jerlake.

Shanty Long—W. O. Roberts. Highpocket—Morton Roberts.

Booker T. Washington—J. J. Rose. Bevo Bill—Ivey White.

Joshua Freeman—B. F. Black. Moses Snodgrass—J. W. Hudson.

The same performance will be given at Franklinton on Tuesday night, March 29th, at the moving picture show.

PBBLES FROM SANDY CREEK.

As it has been quite a while since you have heard from us we will try to tell you a few things that has happened around Sandy Creek.

The Hickory Rock and Sandy Creek basket ball teams played an interesting game of basket ball at Sandy Creek, March 17th. Sandy Creek being the winner by scores 18 and 27.

We were glad to see so many out last Thursday night at our Community Service pictures. Come again March 31st and bring some one with you.

Messrs. Jack Duke and Ben Currin Misses Lola Leonard and Julia Brewer motored over to Cedar Rock Tuesday night, March 15th to the movies. They reported a nice time.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. George West is very ill, we all hope she will soon recover.

Mr. L. C. Leach left last Saturday for a short visit to his home in Chase City, Va.

We are very proud of our roads which is being completed. We are expecting lots of joy rides this spring.

Mrs. Leticia Crabb from Mapleville is visiting her brother, Mr. B. J. Overton near Sandy Creek.

Mrs. C. C. Brewer is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Dickerson at Henderson.

Mr. L. C. Leach, Misses Curtis Gupton and Arroh Brewer went to Cedar Rock to the regular movies Mar. 15th. They had a nice time.

Sandy Creek basket ball team went over to Hickory Rock and played a match game, last Friday, Sandy Creek won, 12 and 13 being the scores.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Finch from near Ingleside were visitors at Sandy Creek last Thursday night.

Everybody is still kicking for joy at S. C. A.

Everybody come out to our regular services the 4th Sunday at Sandy Creek Baptist church.

Mr. Bryant Nelms, of Henderson, paid his father a short visit last Thursday night.

We are all expecting a nice time Easter: "On Easter play and make good cheer; for Easter comes, but once a year."

We are very glad to report that one of our girls from Sandy Creek, Miss Curtis Gupton, won the certificate of Junior Citizenship of Franklin county. She being the only girl in the county to be honored thus.

Well if this escapes the waste basket will come again before another war. "When you get blue and need a little cheer, back your grip and hit down here."

"The lilies bloom so pure and white, the rose so big and red; please think of us and say your prayers before you go to bed." JACK and JILL.

TO OBERVE EASTER.

We are requested to state that the banks in Louisville will be closed on Monday to observe Easter.

ABOUT TAX VALUATIONS.

Mr. Editor of The Times:—

Will you please allow me a small space in your paper about taxes in this county. Lots of farmers, lots of fairly prosperous farmers even are hard up to it to find money to pay their taxes, for taxes on real estate, especially on farm lands are something unprecedented in this county and especially in Cedar Rock township. Many of us find ourselves paying more than twice as much tax on our farms as we ever paid before and at a time like the present this is in many cases an almost unbearable burden. It is one thing ought to be remedied now for many years most farm land in this county have been assessed at only a fraction of its value our assessors have been putting land too low and then put the county tax rate at the highest allowable figures thus avoiding the payment of their just share of state taxes. Now the valuation or revaluation act has got land too high, especially in Cedar Rock, tell me that land in Cedar Rock is higher valued than any township in the county and I don't see why that should be. We are off in the county and our land is not worth as much as it is close to town and we have no railroads close to us. It is true there was some land sold very high in Cedar Rock but it was sold on time and that was not a true valuation of land because it was on time. A true valuation is for cash but our appraisers must have thought that it was worth as much on time as it was for cash. Now Mr. Editor there ought to be something done to help the farmers out of trouble, and if there isn't something done I am afraid in two years from now things will be different. There is no excuse for land to be valued higher in Cedar Rock than the rest of the county. Now if land was at its true valuation I don't think anybody would complain of some increase in their proportions of the burden as it is we have a right to complain and a right to demand a readjustment. Our present tax burden is too heavy, especially for a time like this when we have all we can stand up under anyway. There must be a reassessment and it must be made to conform more closely to real values of land. I know several farmers say that they can't pay their tax for last year, that their tax is over so much again as it was the year before. Mr. Editor I think that each township ought to have three good level headed men to say what land is worth in his township, to take one man that never farmed to value land, why he doesn't know what land is worth and if he has a man with him probably that man is interested in selling land and would put it at time prices so as to sell his for a high price. Now you know that is not fair to the farmer who has worked hard all of his life to get a home for himself and wife. I know of one instance in Louisville township, one tract of land four miles from town and right on the road is valued one-third less than the land around it. This was in the appraisers of course for the farm that is valued at about one-third less its worth as much as any of it for I know all of the land myself, but Cedar Rock is imposed on worse than any township in the county. Yours truly,

W. O. STONE.

TO ORGANIZE COMBAT TRAIN.

Messrs. R. E. Underwood and F. J. Timberlake, of Youngsville, were visitors to Louisville Tuesday and informed the TIMES man that the people of Youngsville and vicinity were going to hold a Mass Meeting on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on April 2nd, to assist in and encourage the organization of a Combat Train of Heavy Artillery of the North Carolina National Guard to be stationed there. Already much activity is being taken to the end of this organization and the prospects are very encouraging. We are informed that the organization can be formed with fifty men and they now have applications from twenty-five. The TIMES is requested to state that if any young men in or around Louisville wish to join they are invited to take the matter up with either of the above named gentlemen at once. Those taking the initiative in this organization are to be congratulated upon their interest in their State and Nation.

FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

Mr. B. H. Meadows, who has made a record as one of the best prohibition officers that has ever visited this section, was in Raleigh Tuesday and informs us that he learned that his suspension in the service of the prohibition enforcement department was due to lack of funds, caused by Congress cutting down the appropriations for this work. Nine others were suspended at the same time. Mr. Meadows has the honor of having destroyed seventeen stills during the last fifteen days he was in the service, which is a record that he can justly be proud of.

CAPTURES STILL.

Sheriff H. A. Kearney and Constable J. E. Thomas captured a complete still outfit and destroyed four hundred gallons of beer near the Seymour bridge on Cedar Creek Monday.

THE SALARY PLAN FAULT.

Under the salary system the county officials are required to collect the customary fees and commissions and to turn these over to the county treasurer to be placed in a fund out of which court house salaries are paid. The temptation is to neglect to collect these fees and commissions, since they do not go into the private pockets of office holders as under the fee plan, and the result in our salary counties is that the salary fund steadily dwindles until it is soon too small to pay the courthouse salaries. This has been true in every one of our salary counties, with only a few exceptions. Salaries officials fail to do their full duty, nobody knows in detail what their failures are, and the general public only knows that the last estate of the county is worse than in the first. Or so it is in most salary counties.

Practically everywhere courthouse bookkeeping is on the old cash-book plan; there is no effective supervision of county office finances, no statewide auditing of courthouse accounts, as easily there might be—as, for instance, after the plan of state-wide auditing of state banks by the bank examiners of the State Banking Commission.

A State Auditing Bureau

What we ought to have is a state auditing bureau with competent field agents, auditing state department accounts, county accounts, municipal accounts, and institutional accounts. All agencies that handle public money in North Carolina ought to be under systematic oversight and auditing. And this state auditing bureau ought to devise simple forms for public account-keeping, balance sheets, and financial reports; so that one city can be contrasted with every other city in unit expenditures for public purposes, one county with every other county, one institution with every other institution.

At present there is no way of judging how well or ill any set of public officials is handling public moneys. Such public accounting ought to be developed as a bureau in the office of the state auditor, and the state auditor ought to be everything that his official title implies.

We are discussing many things in this legislature, but a few abac things like this are fundamentally important, and these fundamental things ought not to be overlooked.

Durham Can Do It

Hon. Baxter Durham, our state auditor, is fully and competently advised of the necessity and the manner of statewide auditing systems. He can easily present to the legislature a satisfactory bill, and doubtless would do so if called upon, as he ought to be during the present session of the legislature.

The above suggestions grow out of the Franklin county reports giving detailed figures of the salary fund in Franklin county. See the Franklin Times of February 4.

So far as we know, there are only five other counties of the state that give county taxpayers an exhibit of this sort—Forsyth, Guilford, Wake, New Hanover, and Robeson. There may be others; if so, we should like to know about them. People who are interested in county finance—and every intelligent voter ought to be so interested—would do well to look at the Franklin county report. What the voters of every county should know about the home county the Franklin taxpayers have a chance to know about Franklin.

We congratulate Messrs. A. J. Joyner and C. C. Hudson, the finance committee of the Franklin county commissioners.—University News Letter.

AFTER 14-HOUR STOP HEART BEATS AGAIN AND PASTOR LIVES.

Geneva, March 20.—A case of a man's heart ceasing to beat for fourteen hours and then resuming work is reported from Berne, where a pastor of that city, the Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, after being officially declared dead, suddenly awoke.

The Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, aged 50, and suffering from heart trouble of long standing fell senseless Friday. His physician issued a death certificate, arrangements were made for the funeral, and Saturday's newspapers published eulogies of him. The pastor awoke after fourteen hours, surprised to find his bedroom filled with flowers, wreaths, disconsolate relatives and friends. He said weakly, "My call has not yet come."

"The funeral has been postponed indefinitely, as the doctor said the Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher might live many years."

"THE MESSAGE OF EASTER."

Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the Louisville Baptist church, has announced that he will preach upon "The Resurrection, Power and Promise" at the usual morning hour at his church next Sunday morning.

The subject at the evening service, which has been changed to 7:45, will be "The Message of Easter." Special music will be rendered at both services and the entire public is cordially invited to attend.