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## E. C. PERRY RE-ELECTED

### SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC WELFARE

#### At Joint Meeting of Board of Education and County Commissioners Monday.

In compliance with the law the Boards of County Commissioners and Education met in special session Monday afternoon to take action on the Welfare work in Franklin County. The members of the Board of County Commissioners present were Chairman Strickland, Dean, Pace, Jones, Speed, and those of the Board of Education were Chairman Johnson, Winston, Dickens and Jones.

The first motion presented was to continue the work. But the attorney informed the meeting it could not do that under the law.

A motion was then presented to continue the work as in the past, and was carried by a large majority.

Another motion requiring the Superintendent to own an automobile to be used by him in the work was carried unanimously.

A motion prevailed making the salary of the Superintendent for the next two years, including all expenses \$1,800.00.

The Chairman then read the applications for the position as Superintendent from the following: E. C. Perry, J. S. Wiggins, W. C. Stallings and A. S. Joyner.

A motion to appoint the members of the Board of Education to the Board of Public Welfare was carried. A ballot which resulted in Perry's favor.

The Superintendent was also required to attend the State Welfare Institute for two weeks, and the two Boards agreed to contribute to the expense of this trip \$10 each.

Before adjournment the two Boards approved a \$40,000.00 loan from the State Building fund for Youngsville School District.

Nothing further to come before the joint meeting adjournment was taken.

### List of Jurors

The following is a list of Jurors drawn for the August term of Franklin Superior Court, which will convene on Monday, August 27th, 1923, with His Honor Judge T. H. Calvert, presiding:

- First Week**
- Dunns—J. D. Ray, D. T. Hollingsworth, J. L. Johnson.
  - Harris—Henry Hagwood, W. T. Beddingfield.
  - Youngsville—M. J. Hart.
  - Franklin—Clyde Allen, C. W. Day, J. S. Joyner.
  - Hayesville—W. C. Whitaker, H. F. Mitchell.
  - Sandy Creek—W. O. Burnette, C. B. Kearney.
  - Gold Mine—Johnnie Pearce.
  - Cedar Rock—J. O. Wilson.
  - Cypress Creek—E. C. Strickland, S. P. Sykes.
  - Louisburg—W. E. Sledge.
- Second Week**
- Dunns—A. S. Dodd, John T. Alford.
  - Youngsville—F. T. Harris, W. G. Wiggins, H. T. Rogers, E. G. Hart, A. M. Pace.
  - Franklin—G. L. Whitfield, C. F. Nowell, G. L. Cooke, J. S. Blackley, Joe Halsey.
  - Gold Mine—R. P. Jones, Wallace Pearce, S. R. Thompson, J. P. Gupton.
  - Cedar Rock—J. J. Bobbitt.
  - Cypress Creek—E. S. Wilder.

### Mr. Tucker Gets Contract

Mr. J. C. Tucker was the successful bidder on Tuesday night for cleaning the streets of Louisburg at \$90.00 per month. This evidently ends the controversy and everything will settle down to the fulfillment of the following contract:

- 1st. The paved streets in the business section of said town shall be swept and cleaned daily; in the residential section three times each week.
  - 2nd. In the residential section all garbage shall be removed at least once a week; in the business section daily. Provided all garbage cans shall be placed on streets.
- From the above the Commissioners evidently require all residents to put all garbage in cans and place all cans on the streets.

### Return From Blue Ridge

Missed Mary Wiatt Yarborough, Emma Lawrence Joyner, Eleanor Foster Yarborough, Annie Willis Boddie and Louise Joyner, and Mr. William Yarborough, Jr., returned on last Friday from attendance upon the sessions of the Blue Ridge Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. Mrs. T. W. Bickett was one of the hostesses of the Conference which, from the press accounts, was largely attended and very successful. Members of the Louisburg party took a prominent part in the proceedings. Miss Mary Wiatt Yarborough being chosen to preside over one of the two open forums held for the young people.

Brasil has her Brasil nuts, but we have our reformers.

## Woman's Club at Clifton's Pond

By holding its regular meeting at Clifton's Pond last Thursday the Woman's Club added a new and most enjoyable feature to its usual program. The business session was held in the pavilion.

The finance committee read its report, showing that the Club's finances had increased, all of which is directed toward building a Club house.

The committee appointed to raise funds for the Club house have been very active and successful.

The report of the Welfare committee, which is composed of very capable women, showed that they had rendered very valuable assistance, to the County Welfare officer in caring for the needy.

After the discussion of the present ice situation in Louisburg a committee was appointed to confer with the local dealers to see if in any way the situation could be remedied.

The meeting was well attended and it was gratifying for all to know that our Club membership had increased from 32 to 90 during the short life of their club.

Special music was rendered by Mr. Bryant and his orchestra, assisted by Misses Frances Russo, Ruth Hall and Mr. Berkley.

After the meeting a most bountiful and delicious supper was served. The husbands and friends of the Club members were invited to partake of it.

The Club wishes to thank the management of the Amusement Company for their courtesy and added cooperation in making the first Woman's Club meeting at Clifton's Pond a great success.

### Severe Hail Storm

A southern section of Franklin County was visited by a severe hail storm on Friday about one to one-thirty o'clock, which did considerable damage to crops. From the best information we can get the hail started near Mr. R. B. Roberts and traveled eastward by Hagwood's store. Luckily it was not very wide in its scope. In the sections through which it passed, cotton, corn and tobacco suffered a terrible damage, many fields being ruined. The hail was accompanied with a heavy rain.

### MRS. RAGLAND HOSTESS AT BAR-BECUE

Monday afternoon at four o'clock, Mrs. C. A. Ragland, assisted by the other members of the Fannie Heck Circle, delightfully entertained the Baptist Women's Missionary Society at a barbecue.

There were forty-two present. They were received by Mrs. Ragland and her sister, Mrs. Fred Leonard, and ushered into the living room and reception hall. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Ray E. York of Iowa. This was followed by a brief business meeting at which the president of the society, Mrs. J. A. Melver presided.

When the business had been concluded the company was invited out on the lawn where the barbecue was served. The green lawn, wet like in smoothness, was an ideal setting for serving the delicious feast, which was perfect in all its appointments.

Everyone present declared this one of the most delightful entertainments which this society has ever enjoyed.

### LITTLE GIRL

The many friends of Lieut. H. Hunter Harris will congratulate him upon the arrival at his home at Fort Benning, Ga., on July 1st, a baby girl "Aline Bowman". Lieut. Harris with his family are expected in Louisburg August 1st to visit his people and will remain until Oct. 4th, when he will leave for Panama, which place will be his home for the next two years.

### YOUNGVILLE WINS TWO GAMES

Youngville defeated Franklin in a seven inning game the score being 7 to 4 on Franklin home grounds July 7, 1923.

And on the fourth Youngville beat Flat Rock in a score of 4 to 3, on Youngville home grounds.

Batteries for Franklin, Winston and Barrow. For Youngville, Pearce Timberlake and Watkins.

Flat Rock, Wiggins and Hill, for Youngville, Watkins and Timberlake.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. J. E. Malone on Tuesday afternoon, July 17, at 4:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. R. C. Beck, President.  
Mrs. J. W. Mann, Secretary.

### Auto Accident

Mrs. A. O. Perry, of Mapleville, came near having a serious wreck Monday when her Ford car became unruly and ran into the steps on the Northeast corner of the Court Square, smashing one of the wheels. Mrs. Perry escaped without injury.

### Woman's Club To Meet

The Woman's Club will meet in its rooms on Thursday afternoon, July 19, at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants, Pres.  
Mrs. G. M. Beam, Sec'y.

## NEW YORK PAPER BOOSTS THE COOPS

### The World Carries Editorial Praising Farmers Plan of Collective Selling—Cites Case of Dairymen

Bernard Baruch's plan for the marketing of American wheat abroad by an organization of American wheat growers probably looks to the average city dweller and to many farmers also just like one more visionary effort to put agriculture on its feet. There have been dozen of schemes, from the Non-Partisan League to the food rates in the tariff, for increasing farm returns, all of them, when tried, leaving the farmer in a predicament worse than before or quite as bad. He is tired of clutching at straws.

But co-operative marketing is not a straw. It is the one demonstrably successful method of establishing the business of farming on a big business basis. It is the method of Aaron Sapiro and the fruit-growers of California. It is the method of the Dairymen's League Co-operative in New York, which handled \$2,130,902 worth of milk last year. It has been found profitable in dozens of other localities wherever a group of growers has come together to pool its product and sell through a regular sales force. There is no special reason why Mr. Armour or any other well-known man or firm should be called upon for aid. If the growers are willing to pool their grain they can build up their own sales company.

Nor is there any reason why the farmers should not market their grain at home as well as abroad. Whatever co-operation will do in the European field it will accomplish in the United States, and since the larger part of American-grown grain is consumed in this country, there is ample reason for concentrating on the domestic end of the project. The export demand for wheat does, as Mr. Baruch states, fix the price of wheat at present, but it is not so much the price as the farmers' share of the price which matters. The farmers' share of the price would be larger if the farmers controlled the machinery for distributing their output.

As things stand, the farmer buys in a seller's market and sells in a buyer's market, with the result that he loses on every transaction. No other great business in the country allows its prices to be fixed, as are the farmer's prices, by outsiders. When a farmer threshes his wheat in the Fall he dumps it on the market not because he doesn't know that the price is likely to increase but because he has no storage facilities and needs ready money to pay the banker, the storekeeper and whoever else has carried him through the year.

Precisely when this one farmer is dumping his wheat all the others are doing the same. Hence the market commonly breaks under the first few million bushels; the dealers and speculators buy up the crop, and the grower goes home with an average return equalling 3 per cent interest on the price of the farm to show for his year's work. Before the year is out the dealers have moved the wheat at a profit and the cities are paying prices for bread and flour which would have made all the difference to the farmer between poverty and affluence.

A co-operative association, if it can be made to work, should end this state of affairs very simply. The farmers pool their product, store it, borrow money on it to carry them while waiting for a more favorable moment to sell and pay a selling organization to market the goods. When this scheme was first put into practice bankers were dubious. It looked like treason to the jobbers. The jobbers are still inimical, but the bankers are coming over. A group of farmers with their storable products in the warehouse is a much better risk than any one speculator. There could hardly be better security. The fruit growers of California and the dairymen of New York can testify to the readiness of the banks to accept such security. In the past, the storage of food for distribution and future consumption has been in the hands of dealers. In the future, it now looks as if it will be in the hands of the producers.

What the farmer needs, as the American Farm Bureau Federation has long insisted, is not price-fixing by the government nor a tariff or a subsidy, but organization to meet the commerce of the cities on equal terms. If the farmers can get together they can sell their goods not only in Europe but also in the United States. Moreover, they can make a living at it, which is more than they do now, and in the case of perishable goods, like milk, they may even succeed in enlarging sales by decreasing the price to the consumer.—New York World.

### Recorder's Court

Judge G. M. Beam disposed of the following cases in the Recorder's Court Monday:

State vs B. P. Odom, disorderly conduct, cw, guilty as to disorderly conduct, judgment suspended upon payment of costs, not guilty as to cw.

State vs Anderson Williams, adv, guilty, prayer for judgment continued to second Monday in September upon payment of costs.

State vs John Moore, disturbing public worship, continued.

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### Missionary Quilt

The Missionary Quilt made by Mt. Zion Circle No. 2, will be given away at Mt. Zion, Saturday night, July 21st. Those holding tickets must have them there or they will not be counted in the contest. Refreshments will be served on the grounds. Everybody is invited to come.

### NEW INCORPORATION

Punkin Centre Amusement Co., of Franklin County, was chartered Monday with an authorized capital stock of \$10,000.00 with \$3,000.00 subscribed.

### ANOTHER ADVANCE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS ON COTTON

Drive For New Members Started In Every Cotton Growing County In State.

Raleigh, July 9.—Checks aggregating a total of \$2,100,000.00 went out to the thirty-odd thousand members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association the past week, according to General Manager C. B. Blalock.

This was a fourth distribution on the 135,000 bales of cotton received during the past season and brought the total advance up to 22¢ per pound, basis middling, Mr. Blalock states. Approximately \$15,000,000.00 has now been paid out to the members.

Practically all of the short staple cotton has been sold, though there is quite a quantity of it yet to be delivered during the months of July and August.

Every effort is being put forth by the Association to make a final settlement with its members before the new crop comes in. It is very likely, however, that they will be unable to make a final settlement on staple cotton at the same time that the final distribution is made on the short staple. The managers of the Raleigh office do not think it wise to force their stock of staple cotton on the present low market and do not believe they would be serving the best interests of the members who have staple cotton in the Association.

It is very likely that a fifth advance will be made to the members before the final distribution checks are mailed.

The warehousing, grading, selling and delivering of 135,000 bales of cotton has been a big task, Mr. Blalock declares, but the wisdom of selling a year's crop of cotton over a period of twelve months, instead of dumping it on the market in ninety days, has been abundantly proved, he believes.

On July 4th a south-wide campaign for new members was launched in the twelve cotton growing states composing the American Cotton Growers Exchange. "Every Member Get a Member" is the slogan adopted for the membership campaign, which started the past week and will continue throughout the summer. This drive will be conducted largely by the members of the Association. The entire membership is now beginning to realize that cotton sold on the outside of the Association is in direct competition with cooperative marketing.

Already plans are under way looking to the handling of the coming crop and with the experience gained from the past year, General Manager Blalock expects the service rendered to the members to be greatly improved. A totally inadequate warehousing system last year was a great handicap in the past year's operations. Much larger and better warehouses are now being constructed at strategic points throughout the State. A competent corps of classifiers have already been engaged and it is the plan and purpose of the Association to keep up the grading of its cotton as fast as it is received in the warehouses. All members are being renumbered by counties, and with the cooperation of its members in shipping their cotton under their correct name and contract number, it is hoped to eliminate about 90 per cent of the past year's office troubles.

Things could be worse. Suppose July Fourth was Christmas and you had to dress as Santa Claus?

### The Atlantic Has Its Fish, but We Have Our Oil Stock Buyers

The old village store which kept everything has moved to town and calls itself a drug store.

### LESS GOVERNMENT, LESS TAXES

Defenders of soaring tax rates usually attempt to justify their position by contending that the government is rendering a greater service and taxpayers should therefore be willing to pay for it.

In many instances these extra services are unnecessary or not worth the cost and some are positively injurious to the taxpayer.

As long as the government undertakes to regulate minutely the lives of individuals and the conduct of every business great and small, the tax burden will be exorbitant, says the Houston Post.

## KENTUCKY LEADER WARNS N. C. CO-OPS

Desperate Tactics Against Farmers—Most Who Now Sue Association Delivered Tobacco Outside

Judge Robert Bingham, native North Carolinian, millionaire owner of the Louisville Courier Journal and founder of the successful association of Kentucky Burley Tobacco Growers, which received nearly two hundred million pounds of tobacco last season, commenting on the opposition to co-operative marketing of tobacco, is some sections of North Carolina, stated last week that "The auction crowd are pursuing tactics of desperation."

Judge Bingham, after reading a recent issue of the Wilson, N. C., "Tobacco Farmer," telegraphed the following message to Raleigh headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association:

"Examination of issue of Tobacco Farmer June 6 convinces me auction crowd are pursuing tactics of desperation and I can not believe the sound, intelligent men who compose great majority of tobacco growers in Carolina and Virginia can be misled by baseless and apparently justified statements published in that paper, emanating as they do from the same group who have so long exploited the helpless individual grower and who now realize that the tri-state cooperative, by combining 90,000 individual helpless people, has given them a combined strength which will protect them from exploitation and enable them to obtain a fair price for the product which their energy and labor have brought forth."

The majority of the farmers who have been persuaded to sue their own association in Eastern North Carolina for recovery of their contracts are found to have sold tobacco from their 1922 crop on the outside, instead of delivering it to their own association.

Although less than two out of every thousand members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association were involved in the effort of a few Eastern Carolina farmers to again avoid deliveries, their action has brought indignant protest from the loyal members of their own counties and from association members in three states, according to reports from many of the county and local organizations reaching Raleigh headquarters this week.

### THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH FOR SOILS

Raleigh, July 10.—Ponce de Leon wasted a part of his life in riotous living and a part in seeking the "Fountain of Youth." His dreams never came true. The farmers of this state have been doing the same thing in their farming operations, in hunting for some magic substance or short cut to keep up and increase the producing capacity of their soils. Drainage hasn't done it, good seed prolongs the agony deep plowing is not a panacea, crop rotations extend the end, plant food, in the form of fertilizers delays the inevitable. All of these prescriptions are good, even necessary, provided there is constantly added to the soil a new supply of decaying organic matter—and this is the "Fountain of Youth" for our soils. Without it the race is lost, and with it the limits of crop production are unboundedly.

"Blessed with plenty of sunshine, and even distribution of rainfall, a long growing season, a great variety of crops and soils; it is possible for our farmers to constantly sow crops and turn them back into the soil for larger crop yields in the future."

"On account of their nature to make use of the nitrogen in the air it is best to sow legume crops. By their use more nitrogen will be added to our soils and of course, our fertilizer bill will be lowered," he continues.

Mr. Pate states that it is now too late in the season to have much success with legumes but that cowpeas, velvet beans and soybeans may still be planted for soil improvement. Especially should all small grain be followed with these legumes. When they are sown in the corn at last working the land will improve in fertility. If the hay is needed for cattle, the manure will again help greatly on the farm.

### UTILITIES MUST GET CAPITAL

In discussing the question of a fair rate of return on public utility properties, J. S. McCulloch, vice-president of the New York Telephone Company says:

"It is in the public interest that public utility properties should be fairly valued and the rate of return sufficient to enable them to attract capital which would otherwise seek other lines of investment."

"Telephone and electric companies must meet unprecedented demands, requiring investment of hundreds of millions of new capital annually."

"In the effort to supply farming sections great problems are faced to secure capital to furnish equipment and service to supply the public needs."

### AMONG THE VISITORS

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Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

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Lieut. T. W. Ruffin came home from Camp Bragg and spent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson and children visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pittman, of Baltimore, are visiting his people here.

Mr. W. B. Wheelers, of Spring Hope, was a visitor to Louisburg yesterday.

Mr. Lawrence Ekerton, of Burlington, was a visitor to Louisburg this week.

Messrs. B. T. Holden and W. M. Ferson spent the week-end at Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Charles Adams spent the week end with her husband, Lieut. Adams, at Fort Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hudson and little daughter, Lucile, spent Tuesday night in Rocky Mount.

Little Dorothy Page Wiggs is visiting her uncle, Mr. W. A. Wiggs in Rocky Mount this week.

Mrs. G. R. McGrady and children, of Raleigh, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. High.

Miss Ida Mae Yow returned the past week from Statesville, where she spent her vacation with her people.

Mrs. M. T. Howell was taken to Mary Elizabeth hospital, Raleigh, Thursday of last week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hawks and children returned home Tuesday after an extended trip to Western North Carolina.

Messrs. Cheatham Alston, Claude Collins, Jake Freeland, William Webb and E. F. Thomas spent Sunday at Fort Bragg.

Messrs. D. R. Markham and W. H. Strong, of the State Welfare Department, were in Louisburg this week making a survey for the Raleigh office.

The many friends of Mrs. B. H. Meadows were especially well pleased to see her back at home so much improved in health. She returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Andrews and little daughter, Mildred, stopped over and visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cooke on their return from a trip to Asheville to their home in Enfield.

Miss Jessie Taylor Harris left July 1st for Hendersonville, where she has taken a position as bookkeeper and stenographer for the summer. She will be absent until September 1.

Mrs. W. R. Baynes, of Roxboro, and W. C. Dendering, of Goldsboro, were in Louisburg Tuesday preparatory to getting the cattle investigation underway. Dr. Baynes will remain in the County to carry on the work.

Miss Kittle Boddie was taken to Rocky Mount Tuesday by her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Boddie to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she underwent the operation Wednesday and is doing nicely.