

REMODEL COURT HOUSE AND JAIL Resolution Unanimously Adopted

Judge Grady Calls Commissioners and Citizens To Meet and Decide on Some Means of Complying With Grand Jury Reports.

In response to a call issued by Judge Henry A. Grady the Board of County Commissioners, representatives of the Business Men's Association, Woman's Club and many citizens met in the Court House on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. S. A. Newell, attorney for the commissioners rose and stated that the Board had been contemplating rearranging the jail by doing away with the wooden floors and putting in their place reinforced concrete floors, and making it otherwise safe, sanitary and comfortable.

Judge Grady stated that the court house needed more adequate jury rooms, a rear exit and ladies waiting rooms.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants speaking for the Woman's Club stated that possibly the court house could be repaired, but that she did not think the jail could be.

Dr. A. H. Fleming, Vice-President Business Men's Association, stated that most of the business men felt like Mrs. Pleasants and Mr. Newell on this question, that the building ought to be repaired or rebuilt, but that at present they are burdened with taxes.

Mr. W. M. Person was in favor of repairing the jail and adding two rooms and a rear entrance to the court house, but was sure ninety per cent of the people of the county would be against building new.

Mr. Ben T. Holden stated that the consensus of opinion of quite a large number of people whom he had talked with since the call was, that until we were more able to build a court house and jail combined, we had best make repairs to the present buildings.

Upon motion Mr. S. A. Newell, Dr. A. H. Fleming and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants were appointed a committee to retire and draft resolutions to be presented to the meeting for adoption.

The committee reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote: Be it resolved: First, That the jail be remodeled on the inside by the putting in of concrete floors and the making of the same safe, sanitary and comfortable for the prisoners with a central heating plant.

Second, That the court house be remodeled by making such change as will permit of straight steps at the front in place of the present winding stairs. That the rear of the court house be extended so as to enlarge the jury and consultation rooms and to provide a rear entrance, with a central heating plant for the court house.

MRS. M. C. PLEASANTS, A. H. FLEMING, S. A. NEWELL.

It was understood that these recommendations would be put into effect as early as the Board could make the necessary arrangements to do so.

Judge Grady then thanked all those who had attended the meeting and adjournment was taken.

LOUISBURG HIGH'S DEFEAT WAKE FOREST SENIORS

Louisburg defeated the Wake Forest College senior basketball team Saturday night in a thrilling game, the score was 25 to 19. This game excited quite a little interest, it being the second game of the season and being played in the new high school gymnasium and of the fact that the school team having been in practice only a week was going to play the senior class team of a college.

—Come to the College Jan. 31st for your supper. Junior Class.

ALEX JOHNSON SHOT By Herbert Littlejohn—Died Sunday—Littlejohn Bound Over to Court Without Bond

Apparently without provocation Alex Johnson was fatally shot by Herbert Littlejohn, both colored, on Saturday night about 12 or 1 o'clock, Johnson dying in a hospital in Raleigh to which he was taken immediately, on Sunday evening about 6 o'clock.

From the evidence given in the Squire J. J. Barrow's court, who heard the preliminary proceedings, as was given the TIMES, it seems that Alex Johnson was going up the railroad somewhere about midnight Saturday night and Herbert Littlejohn with Murman McKnight came out from the warehouse or near the warehouse of the American Tobacco Co., seeing Johnson, Herbert is alleged as saying, after pulling his pistol from his pocket, "You don't believe it will shoot" and fired, Johnson then answering "Herbert you have killed me."

The Magistrate bound Herbert over to court without bond in the hearing Tuesday and the Grand Jury then being in session found a true bill.

In the preliminary hearing no evidence was produced showing a motive for the act, but it is generally believed that they had had trouble over some woman.

Organizes Junior Order Council

A Junior Order American Mechanics was organized in Louisburg on last Friday night with twenty-five charter members and twenty-two more applicants.

The efficient degree team of the Youngville Council under direction of District Director Mr. Connor Jeffreys, assisted by a large number of the members of the Youngville Council was present and inducted the members into the mysteries of the order and conducted the installation of officers.

The officers elected and installed for the Louisburg Council were as follows: Junior Past Councillor—Rev. J. A. McIver.

Councillor—A. F. Johnson. Vice Councillor—E. L. Best. Recording Secretary—W. N. Fuller. Assistant Recording Secretary—W. B. Barrow.

Financial Secretary—W. D. Jackson. Treasurer—H. M. Stovall. Outside Sentinel—R. C. Alston. Inside Sentinel—L. C. Leach. Warden—T. C. Alston.

Conductor—J. E. Thomas. Chairman—Rev. J. A. McIver. Trustees—F. J. Beasley, F. W. Hicks W. D. Egerton.

The regular meeting nights were made Friday night of each week at 7:30 o'clock.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Monday afternoon Jan. 21st found the members of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society gathered in the home of Mrs. W. M. Freeman, engaged in their regular monthly business meeting. Thirty women being present.

The hall and sitting room were beautifully decorated with pine and roses, and the warm rooms made one forget the bitterly cold wind blowing outside.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. F. M. Underhill, the efficient leader of the Kenmore circle.

Mrs. L. L. Whitaker in her usual winning way sang "Just for Today." Led in prayer by Rev. J. A. McIver. Misses Hattie and Noble Edwards of Ingleside sweetly sang "Beautiful Rose of Sharon" and "In the Garden."

Mr. McIver, a welcome visitor, was asked to make a short talk, in which he mentioned the great part the women are taking in bringing the 75-Million Dollar campaign to a successful close. His talk was altogether helpful and inspiring.

There followed a short talk by Mrs. H. D. Upchurch, our Associational Superintendent, encouraging the work of the R. A.'s.

Mrs. McIver, the active and energetic president took charge, and reports were heard from Y. W. A.'s; G. A.'s and Sunbeams. The president then called for reports from the circles. Each report was received with favorable comment, especially the Blanche Barrus report. They have done some very good personal service work the past two months. The Fannie Heck Circle members were awarded their certificates and seals for standing the examination on their study book, "Making America Christian."

After the meeting adjourned, Mrs. Freeman assisted by others of the Kenmore circle served delicious chicken salad, hot biscuit and coffee. The members and visitors then departed declaring Mrs. Freeman a most excellent hostess.

—We are requested to announce that a Music recital will be given at Louisburg College on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, to which the public is invited.

FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT January Term Continues With Much Business Disposed Of.

The second week of the January criminal Superior court of Franklin County progressed nicely under the capable and efficient guidance of His Honor, Judge Grady, who is binding himself more closely to the hearts of the people of this county in the conduct of his courts. For the first time in a decade he had the grand jury to return on Tuesday of the second week to take up other matters that might be ready for their consideration and it worked well.

The Superior Court upheld the compulsory school law on Wednesday evening when four defendants, Messrs. G. W. Wiggins, J. W. Wiggins, Ernest Hall and Jim Hayes, patrons of Flat Rock school, were found guilty and judgment imposed for keeping their children from school without a permit from the Welfare Officer. This is the first time that this question has been brought to the higher courts in this county and the unanimous verdicts will serve to set aside the feeling on the part of some that there is no such law or that it cannot be enforced.

Since our last report Judge Grady has disposed of cases as follows: State vs Walter Suggs, larceny from person, guilty, 3 months in State prison.

State vs Peter Myrick, larceny, 1 year in State prison. State vs Louis Hinton, 1 and r. ccw, upw, pleads guilty 3 months in each case in jail.

State vs Louis Hinton and Oscar Richardson, larceny automobile, guilty, Hinton given 4 years and Richardson, two years in State prison. State vs Gus Ebram, murder, enters plea of manslaughter, accepted by State, one year in State prison.

State vs Jim Manson, pleads guilty to distilling and resisting officer, prayer for judgment continued for 3 years in each case upon payment of all costs in both cases.

State vs James Williamson pleads guilty to charge of distilling, prayer for judgment continued for 3 years upon payment of fine of \$100 and costs. State vs Herbert Hayes, driving auto under influence of whiskey, not guilty.

State vs Clyde Dove, violating contract, defendant called and failed, judgment nisi scita capias and continued. State vs William Crawley, rape, ten dedered plea of F and A, required to pay the sum of \$50 and costs.

State vs Lonnie Strickland, adw, pleads guilty, defendant discharged. State vs Oliver Lassiter, Jesse Lassiter and Gray Davis, adw, Jesse Lassiter and Gray Davis, guilty aiding and abetting, Oliver Lassiter, secret assault, deadly weapon, fined \$100 each and costs, and to pay to Ollie Harris \$250.00.

State vs Walter Sugg, ccw, pleads guilty, 6 months on roads. State vs G. W. Wiggins, violating school law, guilty, fined \$10 and costs. State vs J. W. Wiggins, violating school law, pleads nolo contendere, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Jim Hayes, violating school law, guilty, fined \$10 and costs. State vs Ernest Hall, violating school law, guilty, fined \$10 and costs. State vs W. C. Whitaker and Charles Teasley. The defendants plead guilty to manufacturing whiskey. After considering all the evidence it is adjudged by the court, ordered and adjudged that each of defendants pay a fine of \$50 and one-half of the costs, and each defendant is sentenced to the common jail for a period of eighteen months and assigned to work on the public roads of Wake county. Execution and commitment is not to issue on this judgment within a period of three years, but if either defendant violates the laws of the State in any particular and is convicted, then capias and commitment shall issue upon request of the Solicitor, and the road sentence, as to each offending defendant, carried into immediate effect. Defendants consent to this suspension of sentence.

The business of the Court was completed yesterday morning and adjournment for the term was taken.

Grand Jury Report The following is the report of the Grand Jury: To Honorable H. A. Grady, Judge presiding over the Superior Court, Franklin County, January Term, 1924:

We have passed on all the bills which have been referred to us, and have investigated all matters which have been brought to our attention, or otherwise coming to our knowledge.

We have visited the county jail in a body, and find it in a very bad condition on the inside and we recommend that the wooden floors be removed, and be replaced with concrete floors, for the safety of the prisoners from fire danger, and also that the jail can be kept in a more sanitary condition. We recommend that all the cells be placed on the first floor, and arranged in a way that they can have more ventilation.

We have examined the court house, and find a very bad leak in the vestibule, and this should be attended to at once. A committee visited the

CO-OPS PUT OVER SOME BIG DEALS Tar Heels Open Million Dollar Credit Channel, Ke-tuckians Make World Record Sale.

(S. D. Frissell) Heavy deliveries to the warehouses of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association added nearly 8,000,000 pounds to its receipts of the 1923 crop last week, according to reports just received at Raleigh headquarters from the Warehouse Department of the marketing association. These state that more than 67,000,000 pounds of old belt tobacco, 34,000,000 pounds of South Carolina belt tobacco, 24,500,000 pounds of Eastern Carolina tobacco and over 10,000,000 pounds of Virginia dark-fired product have been received to date. These, with the deliveries of sun-cured tobacco, make a total of nearly 138,000,000 pounds received by the tobacco-association to date, which is an amount far in excess of its receipts at this season last year.

The largest sale in the history of cooperative tobacco associations was made by the Burley Tobacco Growers last week, when Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company purchased approximately 60,000,000 pounds of burley tobacco from the Kentucky cooperative, according to announcements from their headquarters in Lexington, where it is stated that nearly 100,000 farmers, who compose the membership of the burley association, will participate in the proceeds of this world's record sale.

Organized cotton and tobacco farmers of North Carolina have been quick to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the recent act of Congress instituting the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, and \$1,000,000 of credit was made available to individual members of the tobacco and cotton cooperatives this week following the second meeting of the North Carolina Credit Corporation in the offices of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association on January 19.

John H. Boushall, of the Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company, was elected president of the new credit corporation, George A. Norwood, president of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association was elected chairman of the board of directors and vice-president, and A. E. Bing, secretary of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, was elected secretary and treasurer.

The forms and papers by which a score of banks in as many counties are now enabled to issue loans to farmers who can present reasonable security for production purposes have been approved by R. H. Welsh, general counsel of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, S. C. By this means members of the cotton and tobacco associations will be enabled to secure loans at 7 per cent for longer terms than it is commonly possible to obtain from banks.

Although only members of the cotton and tobacco associations were at first considered eligible to loans from the new credit corporation, its directors last week authorized credit to members of other cooperative associations on the same basis, provided that if the individual member makes cotton or tobacco he join one of the two big marketing associations.

—The thermometer dropped to 9 on Monday night. This is next to the coldest this winter.

DR. L. D. PATTERSON SPEAKS To Large Crowd at Methodist Church Friday Night.

Quite a large number of our people went out to hear Dr. L. D. Patterson, a returned Missionary from China, at the Methodist church on last Friday night. Dr. Patterson made a most interesting address which was greatly enjoyed by all.

REV. BETHEA AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Morrison Bethea will visit Louisburg this week and will hold services at St. Paul's church Sunday morning the 27th at 11 a. m. and in the evening at 7 p. m. sermons at both services.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting from 3 until 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon, January 25th, in the Graded School lunch room.

Clerk's office and we find same well kept, all the books very conveniently arranged and well indexed. They also visited the Register of Deeds office and find same in a splendid condition and well arranged, as well as they could ascertain. We also visited the Sheriff's office and find everything kept in a satisfactory manner as far as we were able to find out.

A committee visited the County Home and find 21 inmates all of whom were well satisfied with their treatment, had good fires, sufficient clothing, buildings in fair condition. Mr. Holden reports on hand about 150 bars of corn, sufficient dry feed, about 4000 pounds meat, hogs, cows and mules well kept.

Respectfully submitted, E. A. HARRIS, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT COURT HOUSE

Mr. Arthur Strickland, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County has requested us to announce that the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County will meet in the Court House in Louisburg at 2 o'clock p. m. on Monday, February 4th, 1924—first Monday to consider what is best to do in regard to repairing or building a Court House for this County. Every citizen in Franklin County is urged to be present at this meeting and express his views. The meeting will be public and open for the free discussion of the question and the Board is honestly seeking the wishes of the tax payers of the county.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Hill Yarborough, who is attending the University, spent last week-end in Louisburg with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yarborough. We note from the press reports from Chapel Hill that at the recent elections there Hill was chosen by the student body as one of the Commencement marshals for the University Commencement next June. This is one of the highest college honors and we are glad to see such a distinction come to a Franklin county young man.

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Wednesday Evening Bridge Club was again entertained when on the evening of January 10th, Miss Babbie Turner was the charming hostess. Four tables for Bridge were arranged in the living room of her home on Main street, and pretty January talls showed the guests their places.

All during the evening lively games were enjoyed and at ten-thirty Miss Turner, assisted by her sisters, served her guests a delicious salad course. At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Frank Rose held high score among the members of the club.

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AMONG THE VISITORS SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Mr. John C. Matthews, of Spring Hope, was in Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Person returned from a visit to Washington City Monday.

Mr. R. E. Egerton, of Hopewell, was in Louisburg Tuesday.

Messrs. O. R. Teague, of Norfolk and C. H. Sauls, of Raleigh, both officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway were visitors to Louisburg Monday.

Chief of Police E. L. Green, of Warrenton, was in Louisburg Monday to return Zeb Collins to the Township road force.

Rev. Walter B. Clark and Wm. H. Ruffin are attending a Convocation of the Episcopal Church at Scotland Neck this week.

Misses Jaunita Bunn and Clellie Jones, of Cary High school, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howell.

Mr. R. P. Taylor visited Raleigh and other places this week.

AUTO ROUTE TO RALEIGH

The White Star Line is the name of an automobile bus line from Louisburg to Raleigh by way of Franklinton, Youngville and Wake Forest, just established as will be seen from their schedule in another column. This will be quite a convenience to the people of this section and will in all probability prove profitable to the owners.

LARGE TOBACCO RECEIPTS

The Louisburg tobacco market has enjoyed exceptionally large receipts of tobacco the past week and good prices continue to prevail. The indications now are that Louisburg will handle above four million pounds this season. Great efforts are still being put forth to give to the farmer patrons of this market every accommodation and the highest prices possible.



CAPT. THOMAS W. RUFFIN

Lieut. — — Borden and Sergt. — — Blenhour, of the Adjutant General's office in Raleigh were in Louisburg the past week checking up and transferring the property of Battery B, 117th Field Artillery to Capt. Thomas W. Ruffin, who has been recently appointed to succeed Capt. Hugh W. Perry, whose health made his resignation necessary.

Capt. Ruffin is especially well fitted for this responsible position and his appointment was wisely and justly made as he is especially interested in the work and will give liberally of his time to the proper discharge of the duties of this responsible and important office.

Capt. Perry retires with the satisfaction of having made an enviable record in the establishment and holding together of this Battery. He was popular among the members of his Battery all of whom regret to learn of his resignation.

Capt. Ruffin informs the TIMES man that he expects to put forth every effort to make this one of the best Batteries in the National Guard. He is joining all young men who are qualified to join him and assist him. The work is especially beneficial to young men, and all should serve at least one enlistment in some military organization.

Captain Ruffin's associate officers are Ranking First Lieutenant Chas. Adams, First Lieutenant George D. Underwood, Second Lieutenant Edward F. Griffin—the last two having been recently commissioned.