

CO-OPS PAID NEARLY MILLION TO LAWYERS AND MAJOR OFFICERS

Exhibits In Suit Show Attorneys Received \$252,000 and Sixteen Officers \$576,000

SALARIES OF PRESENT AND FORMER DIRECTORS AMOUNT TO \$202,241.67

Attorneys Have Secured Judgments and Compromises Totalling \$298,000 of Which \$45,000 Not Yet Collected; Purchase of 115 Warehouses Amounts To \$3,000,000 and Annual Rental On 144 Leased Is \$284,000; Publicity and Newspaper Advertising Cost \$50,000; Ten Directors Appear On Salary List, Five As Officials and Five As Employees; All Figures Are From February 9, 1922, To December 31, 1925; Hearing Here Friday

Payments for legal services by the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association from its incorporation on February 9, 1922, to December 31, 1925, aggregated \$252,926.49, and during the same period the association through its legal department, secured \$298,256.45 in judgments, compromises and collections from contract breakers, of which \$45,756.29 has not yet been collected, according to exhibits filed in the Franklin County Superior Court by the association yesterday in connection with the suit asking the court for an appointment of a receiver brought by Willie M. Person, of Franklin County.

The exhibits also show that the association purchased 115 warehouses for approximately \$3,000,000, and leased 144 more at an annual rental of \$284,543.72. The exhibits list the warehouses bought and leased in the "Old Belt" of Virginia and North Carolina, and show that the former aggregate \$951,422.02 and the latter \$114,332.94 annually while in force, some leases having been cancelled.

The exhibits also show a total of \$50,838.08 spent for newspaper advertisements and publicity agents.

The exhibits further show that 16 officers and heads of departments have received salaries aggregating \$576,420.43. In most instances salaries of these officials have been decreased.

The last exhibits show that at one time or another, ten directors have been on the payroll, five as officers and five as employees, and have received salaries aggregating \$202,241.67. Three directors are now listed as employees, while the other seven directors receiving salaries are George M. Norwood, president, and Oliver J. Sands, executive manager, who was appointed as a public director by the Governor of Virginia.

Hearing Here Friday. The exhibits filed yesterday were ordered by Judge M. V. Barnhill for the use of the plaintiff at the hearing before Judge Thomas H. Calvert in Raleigh on Friday, February 5, at which time the association must show cause why it should not be ordered dissolved, its affairs placed in the hands of a receiver and members released from further obligation under their five year contract, which expires this year.

The suit of Mr. Person, who is a member of the association, followed on the heels of a sharply critical report filed by the Federal Trade Commission, which exonerated the American and Imperial Tobacco Companies, which had been ordered to investigate at the instance of the tobacco association, but severely criticized the association.

The complaint of Mr. Person, which bristles with charges of fraud and waste, not only calls for dissolution, but asks that directors be required to make refunds on account of allegedly excessive sums paid for attorneys' fees, warehouses, publicity and salaries. Refunds are also sought on profits of R. B. Patterson and T. C. Watkins, who are alleged to have made \$100,000 on contracts for redrying association tobacco over and above their salaries. The redrying operations were not covered in the list of exhibits ordered by Judge Barnhill when the suit was instituted on January 19 and which were filed yesterday.

Total of 1,786 Bales. The affidavit of William T. Joyner, associate general counsel, shows that the association has been a party to

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RECEIVE RETURNS GOLD SAND ELECTION

Instruct Superintendent To Secure Five Acres More Land; Other Routine Business Before Board of Education.

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday with all members present. The minutes of the previous meeting was approved and business disposed of as follows:

The returns from the Gold-Sand special tax election were received and ordered recorded. The figures show \$39 registered, 654 voted for the tax and 103 voted against the tax. The vote for the site upon which to erect the school was as follows: Gold Sand 344, Centerville 234, Sandy Creek 74, two refused to vote for either site. The Board therefore designated the present Gold Sand site for the location of the new building and instructed Supt. E. L. Best to purchase five acre more land for same.

The Superintendent reported receiving the three new negro school building at Pine Ridge, Pilot and Mapleville.

The Superintendent was instructed to attend the Superintendents meeting in Washington, D. C., this month. After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session on Friday night with A. W. Person, Mc. M. Ferguson, Q. S. Leonard and Dr. A. H. Fleming present.

The Mayor being absent Mayor Protem A. W. Person presided. The minutes were read and approved.

The report of B. H. Meadows, Chief of Police, was read and approved. He reports collecting, Coats \$60.80, Fines \$35.00, Licenses \$37.00, Rents \$40.00, Forfeited Bonds \$4.00.

The reading of the report of the Clerk was postponed until the audit had been completed.

Mr. M. Stuart Davis and Mr. D. F. McKinnis, representatives of the Business Men's Association were before the Board with a proposition looking to the furnishing and equipping of a ladies rest room, along with the permanent maintenance of same, in the building now occupied by the Business Men's Association and the Farm Demonstration Agent. The Commissioners were favorable to the proposition and after some discussion a motion by Dr. A. H. Fleming was offered as follows:

It is moved that the town appropriate a sum not exceeding \$200.00 to be used as a fund to equip a ladies rest room on the following conditions, viz., that the town retain title to the equipment and reserve the right from the owners of the building to remove same in the event that the property be leased to other parties from whom a satisfactory arrangement could not be made for the maintenance of same. That the Business Men's Association is to assume the responsibility of the payment of all rents and the proper maintenance of the rest room, and that Mc. M. Ferguson be appointed a committee to arrange for the purchase of the equipment and have an understanding with the owners of the building with reference to removal of the equipment as provided in this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mc. M. Ferguson and was unanimously carried.

A number of bills were audited and ordered paid.

The Clerk was ordered to get auto tags for next ensuing season.

A motion by Dr. Fleming and seconded by Q. S. Leonard, that the lock-up be made comfortable for prisoners was carried unanimously.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Attorney General and get an opinion with reference to the purchases for the town.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

PARTY FOR BRIDE ELECT

Friday evening, January 29th, Miss Lucy Allen entertained at her home on North Main street with a bridge party in honor of Miss Catherine Bobbitt, whose wedding occurs February 17th. The home was beautifully decorated with pink ornaments and other flowers. Dainty score cards were used. Six tables enjoyed this delightful occasion. At the conclusion of the game, the bride was presented a lovely luncheon set by the hostess. Followed by two courses of delicious refreshments.

HARRIS SPEAKS AT FRANKLINTON

Before Agricultural Night School Tuesday Night

"A Balanced Farm" was the Subject—Tuesday Night, Feby. 9th a Fertilizer Specialist Will Address the Class.

By C. R. BOHANAN Teacher Vocational Agriculture at Franklinton Public School.

County Agent A. H. Harris addressed the farmers of Franklinton Township at the regular meeting of the Agricultural night school Tuesday night.

His theme was "A Balanced Farm". Mr. Harris said that in order to balance a farm there should be something of everything used on that farm produced there.

The home is the center and the office and all other parts or enterprises should center around the home. The farm should consist of livestock and poultry enterprises as well as the various crops for all these are essential in order to balance up the business.

He also outlined his plan of work for the coming year. Special interest was shown throughout the meeting and his talk was highly enjoyed by all present. This is the first of a series of lectures that Mr. Harris will deliver during the year.

On next Tuesday night, Feb. 9, Mr. F. E. Eoyd, a fertilizer specialist from Raleigh will have charge of the meeting. Mr. Eoyd was for a number of years connected with the Alabama Experiment Station and is at present with the Nitrate of Soda Co.

His talk will be on fertilizing cotton and will be of special interest to the farmers of this section. A full attendance is urged.

Mr. S. L. Daughtridge, a member of the Senior Class of State College is spending three weeks at the Franklinton School, observing and doing practice teaching in Vocational Agriculture.

EIGHT CASES MONDAY

Before Recorder Beam; Some Disposed of, Some Continued; Juries Demanded

The docket in Franklin Recorders Court Monday was light, only eight cases presented to Judge Beam, who disposed of them as follows:

State vs H. C. Aycuse, assault with deadly weapon, request for jury withdrawn, probable cause found. Transferred to Superior Court.

State vs Kemp Moore, distilling, pleads guilty, 4 months on roads, upon payment of \$25 and costs execution not to issue until further order of the court.

State vs Charlie Jones, violating prohibition law, motion for scifa granted.

State vs Charlie Harris and Elmo Budgett, violating prohibition law, motion for jury trial, continued.

State vs Plummer Williamson, disposing of mortgaged property, continued.

State vs Willie Smith, violating automobile law, motion for jury, continued.

State vs Asbury Telfare, assault guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Willie Marshall, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

SHARE HONORS

Mrs. E. F. Thomas was hostess on last Thursday afternoon at seven tables of Bridge and Rook honoring Miss Katherine Bobbitt, bride-elect of this month, and Mrs. C. G. Bedford, of High Point, house guest of Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Bobbitt was presented with a linen breakfast set and Mrs. Bedford a piece of lingerie. Mrs. W. D. Leonard won high score in Bridge and Miss Jewell Clarke cut high in Rook, each being awarded a box of powder.

Refreshments in two courses were served by Misses Margaret Wilder, Kate Allen and Elizabeth Webb.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Epworth League will meet Sunday evening, February 7, at 6:15 in the Sunday school auditorium. You are especially urged to be present. There will be an evening of much enjoyment. Miss Gardner is having a play prepared for this occasion. This will be a missionary play, which will show some of the activities. Of course you will like it. Read the following program.

- Missionary Program 1. Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." 2. Scripture reading, Matt. 11:2-6. 3. Prayer. 4. A play, "A demonstration of missions in Poland." Scene: Poland. Time: Stormy winter afternoon. Character Cast: Miss Gamble, head of the Odolanow Orphanage, Tessie Sloan; Elderly Visitor, Lucy Bart; Miss Kowalski, assistant of Miss Gamble, Blanch Spivey; Small Boy, inmate of Orphanage, John Atwood Newell; Paul, also inmate of Orphanage, William Joyner. 5. Offering. 6. League Benediction. WM. E. JOYNER, Vice-President.

KIWANIS HAS ENJOYABLE LUNCHEON

Col. Eltinge Elmore, Visits Louisburg Club

District Governor C. R. Pough Falls To Arrive; List of Kiwanis Committees; Harry Johnson's Letter On Kiwanis Activities

Louisburg Kiwanis Club had a most enjoyable luncheon at the Franklin Hotel on last Friday night. Although the members in attendance were somewhat disappointed at the failure of District Governor C. R. Pough, falling to arrive, a most interesting and enjoyable program was had. The stunts and the music were fine. E. H. Malone was the chairman for the evening.

On Thursday evening Col. Eltinge Elmore, District Field Representative of Kiwanis in the Carolinas, visited the Louisburg Club and met with the directors and chairmen of committees to make up a report and give out Kiwanis information. About fifteen met Col. Elmore and enjoyed his visit. He was accompanied by Kiwanian W. Brodie Jones, of Warrenton.

The following letter was written by Kiwanian Harry H. Johnson and was read at the December 26th meeting: A Record of Kiwanis Achievements.

To attempt a recounting of the activities of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club since its inception over a year ago and to place a just estimate upon the beneficial influence it has had on this community and upon the individual member is a formidable task. Its wide scope of interests has embraced nearly all the problems of the community, civic, educational, agricultural and social. Then too, it will be impossible for years to come to measure those intangible and indirect influences resulting from the many things brought to pass thru Kiwanis.

Kiwanis, greatest gift to Louisburg and Franklin county, is an earnest group of fifty men representing the best minds of the business and professional world, standing shoulder to shoulder with all personal and factional prejudices laid aside. Enlightened as to the community's problems and needs and imbued with a spirit of unselfish service Kiwanis has taken its place in the community determined to make its slogan "We Build" a living actuality. The potential value of such a band of leaders whose sphere of influence ramifies thru all sections of the county and whose collective efforts are dedicated to the material and spiritual progress of the community is limited only by its continued breadth of outlook and enthusiasm.

Probably our most instructive work has been along the lines of agricultural problems. Kiwanis influence secured the services of a county farm demonstrator and planned a series of meetings addressed by the best informed men in the State on rural conditions and farming problems to which representative farmers from every township were invited. A standing agricultural pressing committee of Kiwanians also studied with the farm agent the most pressing of the many problems presenting and published their helpful suggestions to the farmers of Franklin county. The club heartily endorsed the continuance of the home demonstration agent when that issue was in doubt and invited representatives of every group organized by the agent thru the county to meet as our guests to hear an address from Mrs. McKimmon the state leader in that work. It seems reasonable to believe that aside from the educational benefits which are obvious this series of meetings will bear fruit in an increased sympathy and friendliness between the town and the rural sections.

Thru the untiring work of excellent committees inspired by several enthusiastic meetings the Kiwanis Club forced a reluctant highway commission to confess that Franklin County was being discriminated against in the allotment of good roads and in consequence the trade of large areas of our county was being drawn away into adjoining counties. We are gratified to know that the needed roads to correct this condition of affairs are now being constructed and others properly maintained. Kiwanis inaugurated the progressive movement for road maintenance as a county unit to replace the unsatisfactory system of township supervision and had a bill passed thru the legislature to that effect. Committees are still at work on other road possibilities which when consummated will make Franklin county's road system second to none. This work alone justifies the Kiwanis Club's existence and will mean much to Louisburg in increased business activities.

Kiwanis has evidenced an earnest interest in the educational problems of this community and held many meetings addressed by the greatest educators of the State. On some occasions the joint faculty of Louisburg College and William Robert Mill's School were invited to meet with us as an evidence of our friendly interest in them and their most important work. When the graded school faced

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WOMAN'S FEDERATION MEETS

Kunn Club Wins Attendance Prize

Miss Mary Thomas, State Nutrition Specialist, and State Farm Agent O. F. McCrary Present — Entertain County Board of Agriculture.

In spite of a cold rain falling all day seventeen women were present at the Federation meeting Saturday. Bunn won the prize (a can of Wesson oil for each member) awarded to the club having the largest number present.

At the morning session clubs reported activities since the last meeting of the Federation, and committees reported. The report of the equipment committee is published below. The home agent talked on the plan of the years work and different women spoke urging support of the farm women's short course, the state convention, and the girl's short course. It was suggested that everybody in Franklin County be urged to turn out and celebrate a Franklin County Day at the State convention in August. A committee was appointed to meet with a committee of the county board of agriculture in April to push the matter.

All club women attending contributed to the dinner and it was a bountiful meal that was spread in the demonstration office at noon. As the Board of Agriculture was meeting the same day they were asked to have dinner with the Federation. Other guests were Miss Mary Thomas, nutrition specialist, and O. F. McCrary, district agent of Raleigh.

At the afternoon session the president read the standing committee appointed for 1926 and then introduced Miss Thomas who spoke on "The Vegetables in the Diet." The importance to health of the vitamins and minerals secured in fresh vegetables was emphasized, and charts showing the vegetable requirements of the average family shown. Miss Thomas began work in the state the first of January and this was her first trip out from Raleigh. She expressed much interest in the home garden and nutrition work undertaken by the Franklin county clubs this year. A favorable impression of North Carolina gardens was given by Miss Mary Spencer and Mrs. S. B. Nash who read the garden record cards kept thru last year.

ISSEE SEVERAL DRAWBACKS

Receive Returns Gold-Sand Special School Election—Board Commissioners Have Light Day Mostly Routine.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. The minutes were read and approved and business transacted as follows:

The returns of the Gold-Sand special school election were received and ordered recorded.

The report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and filed, and the following recommendations adopted: Nathan Shaw was placed on outside pauper list at \$3.00 per month. Nerve May and Ellen Carlyle were stricken from outside pauper list—they being dead.

C. S. Williams was allowed drawback for taxes on \$5,295 solvent credits listed through error.

The following township roads reports were received and filed: Youngsville, Cypress Creek, Cedar Rock and Sandy Creek.

Mrs. C. W. Gupton was allowed drawback for \$1.00 dog tax, error in listing.

The resignation of S. M. Boone, Constable for Cedar Rock township, was received and accepted, and W. J. Boone was appointed to fill the unexpired term. He took the oath and filed his bond which was received and ordered recorded.

Report of John Hedgepeth, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports 5 white and 10 colored inmates.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health Officer, was received and filed. Drawback was issued to S. T. Rogers for tax on \$484 and the valuation of land was changed from \$500 to \$36.

C. O. Renn was appointed registrar of Vital Statistics for Hayesville township to succeed A. A. Medlin, who has moved from the county.

J. R. Wright was allowed drawback on \$370.00 valuation and land changed from \$1,000 to \$639.00.

Report of A. H. Harris, Farm Agent, was received and filed.

Report of Miss Daisy Caldwell Home Agent, was received and filed. On motion it was ordered that the Board meet Monday, February 8th, 1926, at the County Home for the purpose of taking the annual inventory.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their kindness rendered us during the illness of our dear baby and little girl. They will always be remembered. MR. and MRS. R. F. WELLS.

E. C. Perry, Jr., visited Raleigh in business Wednesday.

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MOST INTERESTING MEETING

Franklin County Board of Agriculture

Adopts Live Stock as County Project, With Soil Improvement, Terracing, Pruning and Spraying As Community Projects—C. T. Hudson or J. Y. Beasley Selected to Make Tobacco Test.

A special meeting of the Franklin County Board of Agriculture was held in County Agent Harris office on last Saturday morning with about twenty members present. Owing to the bad weather a small attendance compared with what was expected were present, and resulted in the postponing the reorganization to the next meeting which will be held early in March. The announcement of the exact date will be made later.

J. H. Wilder, of Franklinton, was named temporary chairman and A. F. Johnson was called as temporary secretary.

County Agent A. H. Harris complimented those present upon the wise course they had taken in forming a County Board of Agriculture and spoke strongly on the advantages in building a county farm program that would lead to a definite end in the future. He asked all present to say what in their opinion the Farm Agent could do in their communities to be of the most benefit to the farmers now and in the future, or what is most needed in their communities. The answers follow:

J. H. Wilder, for Franklinton, fertilizer and better seed.

W. T. J. Eaton, for Banks, fertilizer and fruit trees.

H. F. Mitchell, Rocky Ford, terracing and live stock.

L. L. Gupton, White Level, fertilizer good seed, terracing.

A. E. Spivey, Seven Paths, fertilizer, and fruit trees.

W. A. Mullen, Bunn, raise more food stuffs, get rid of stumps.

J. O. Beasley and J. Y. Beasley, Ingleside, terracing.

Phil Tomlinson, Katesville, soil improvement, get rid stumps.

It was generally conceded that better live stock was a general county need.

County Agent Harris called for volunteers from the several communities to put on a pruning and spraying demonstration. At this meeting and afterwards several were arranged for announcement of which are being made in another article.

The question of arranging for tobacco tests in the county was discussed and it was decided it would probably be best to interest C. T. Hudson or J. Y. Beasley.

The question of terracing was next in order and received much interested attention. A program of this will be worked out by the County Agent. Two farmers J. O. Beasley and W. A. Mullen purchased farm levels.

A committee from the County Council of farm women which was meeting at the same time were presented to the meeting and extended an invitation to all to take dinner with them. The invitation was accepted unanimously with thanks.

Cole Savage being present was called on and responded in a most interesting and entertaining talk on the Agents problems.

State Agent O. F. McCrary, of Raleigh, was present but owing to the time for dinner arriving so early he was unable to talk to the meeting.

PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

County Agent A. H. Harris announces that Mr. G. W. Fant of the N. C. Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C., will be in Franklin county next Thursday and Friday, February 11th and 12th to assist in several orchard pruning demonstrations.

Requests for these demonstrations were made by the farmers of the county to the County Agent.

The itinerary for the two days is as follows:

W. T. J. Eaton, Banks Community, Thursday, February 11th, 9 a. m.

Mrs. J. A. Mitchner, Banks, Thursday, February 11th, 10:30 a. m.

Sol West, White Level Community, Thursday, February 11th, 2:30 p. m.

J. H. Fuller, Perry's Mill Community, Friday, February 12th, 9 a. m.

W. H. Perry, Mapleville Community, Friday, February 12th, 2:30 p. m.

Farmers who are interested in pruning work are urged to attend one of these demonstrations or arrange with the county agent for one to be held in your community and learn the methods of pruning as advocated by the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

IN MEMORY OF ADDIE PEOPLES

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, January 26, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Peoples and carried away to her Heavenly home the precious soul of little Addie Oselle, age 3 years.

It grieves us much to have to part for a while from our precious darling, but it is sweet to know that her stainless little soul is beyond the suffering of this world and safe forever in her Heavenly home with Jesus.

A RELATIVE.