

MEEKINS DENIES PETITION FOR BANKRUPTCY OF TOBACCO CO - OP

Decision Rendered Last Night Orders Association to Refrain From Transacting Extraordinary Business Which Would Affect Assets or Liabilities of the Organization; Causes Retained for Later Consideration; Earlier Announcement Said Judge Would Delay to Render Verdict in Case.

Raleigh, April 2.—A decision placing the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association in bankruptcy was denied, but causes were retained until further orders in an order signed by Federal Judge Isaac M. Meekins tonight.

The association was ordered to refrain from transacting any extraordinary business which would unduly affect the assets or liabilities of the organization.

Raleigh, April 2.—Decision in the receivership suit brought against the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association in Federal Court here was reserved by Judge I. M. Meekins late today, at the conclusion of the arguments in the case.

No indication of when he would make his decision was given by Judge Meekins.

When court was adjourned after five days of evidence and argument, the court had before it not only the bill of complaint asking that the association be dissolved and a receiver appointed, and the defendant's motion to dismiss, but proposal from the plaintiffs that the whole matter be submitted to a referendum of the members of the association.

Distinct Surprise
The proposition came as a distinct surprise. It was suggested by Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of Raleigh, representing the plaintiff, at the conclusion of a two and one-half hour argument. He urged that if it did not seem wise to dissolve the corporation or to appoint a receiver, that a commission of five be appointed. These men would then confer with the board of directors of the association and prepare a plan of re-organization. Then three questions would be submitted to the members: Whether the plan of re-organization should be adopted; whether the association should be dissolved; or whether no change should be made. The existing status would be maintained under the terms of the suggestion, until the June term of federal court, at which time the commission would report to Judge Meekins.

Wanted Dismissal
When this idea was referred by the court to the defendants, they insisted that the action before the court should be dismissed. In the event that the plan should be adopted by the court, and the present injunction remain in force, that a bond of not less than \$100,000 be required of the plaintiffs. It was explained that the injunction forbids the association to lease warehouses, that this is a season during which warehouses are leased and that \$100,000 loss would probably be incurred by the association by continuance of the injunction until June.

The judge stated, at the conclusion of the argument, that he was disposed to await the election of directors and officers, which is to occur early in June. He referred repeatedly to the democratic nature of the organization and expressed the feeling that, if some directors or officers ought to be removed the members themselves could do it through the organization.

Entertainers Doubted
He doubted, however, that he had the authority to appoint the commission suggested by Judge Horton. And he hesitated to delay his decision until after the June elections, for fear it would appear that the court was intimidating the delegates in taking their choices.

The evidence in allegations of fraud he said, appeared to relate primarily and largely to the past—"Water that has already gone under the bridge."

He desires, he concluded, to give the whole matter further consideration and to "get out from under the spell" of the argument of counsel for both sides. He would announce his decision "soon," he stated.

BUNN WINS AT BOTH PLACES
Both the negative and affirmative debaters for Bunn High School won out in the triangular debate last Friday evening. The affirmative was upheld by Clarence Dickerson and Wesley Montgomery, who spoke at home, the negative being represented at Cedar Rock High School by Evelyn Brewer and Hamilton Hobgood.

This is the first time Bunn has ever won both sides of the debate, and the faculty, students and patrons of the school are justly proud of the debaters, who won and because of their thorough and untiring work. This line of work was sponsored by the literary club, under the leadership of Miss Flora Frye.

After the debate an informal reception was given by the club to the visitors at Bunn.

Did you know that Columbus was the first livestock man in America.

TO ERECT TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Contracts Let To J. W. Hudson, Jr., Burlington Hardware Co., and W. H. Bond; H. S. Horton Property Becomes Part of Bunn School District

The Board of Education met on Tuesday with A. F. Johnson, T. H. Dickens, E. L. Green, W. A. Mullen and J. H. Joyner present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Upon petition the property of H. S. Horton was transferred to the Bunn Special Taxing District and hereby becomes a permanent part of the same.

Each bid for the Epsom and Gold Sand school buildings was opened and read publicly. The Board then went into executive session to consider the bids.

J. W. Hudson, Jr., was awarded the entire contract for both buildings except plumbing and heating for \$73,322. The heating contract was awarded to the W. H. Bond Company for the sum of \$8,115.00.

The plumbing contract was awarded to the Burlington Hardware Company for the sum of \$3,021.

The contracts for each building are as follows:
Epsom: J. W. Hudson, Jr., \$40,161; 161; Burlington Hardware Co., \$1,510-510; W. H. Bond and Co., \$4,100.

Gold Sand: J. W. Hudson, Jr., \$38,161; Burlington Hardware Co., \$1,510-50; W. H. Bond and Co., \$4,015.

The chairman and secretary was authorized, empowered and directed to execute in the name of the Board contracts with the above named parties. These contracts when completed will be the entire cost of both buildings with the exception of the architects plans, his supervision, and wells.

A number of accounts were allowed. There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet again the first Monday in May.

COLORED WELFARE ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

The Colored Welfare Association of Franklin County held its regular monthly meeting on last Sunday afternoon in the court house in Louisburg. The house was filled to overflowing with both white and colored citizens. The white people attended to lend their encouragement to the great and important work and to enjoy an hour of real pleasure, as the program was a most interesting, entertaining and instructive one. Quite a number of excellent addresses were made and a choir rendered a most excellent musical program. The musical solos were splendid. In response to a call for funds a collection amounting to sixty odd dollars was realized.

The next meeting of this association will be held on the afternoon of the first Sunday in May and a most cordial invitation is extended all to attend. Special seats will be reserved for white people.

MRS. WATSON ENTERTAINS BOOK CLUB

The members of the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club and a number of friends were delightfully entertained by Mrs. T. W. Watson at her home on the afternoon of March 25th.

The meeting was called to order by the president and after the minutes were read and the roll called, an interesting program was rendered.

The first number, "Air Fleets of the Sea," was a paper read by Mrs. W. R. Mills.

Mrs. W. E. White read most interestingly of the invention of the "Wireless" and its development, and of the laying of the Cable, one of the most important achievements of man.

Mrs. A. W. Mohn delighted everyone by singing two lovely songs.

Mrs. D. F. McKinnis read an interesting paper on the Life and works of Matthew Fontaine Maury, navigator.

Miss Van Ende's violin selection was an attractive addition to a lovely program.

Mrs. Watson then read for Mrs. Fleming a poem, "The Forsaken Merchant" by Matthew Arnold.

Miss Leonard charmingly played a piano selection which suggested the sea.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Watson assisted by Misses Annie Green and Anna Gray Watson, served a delicious salad course followed by dessert.

REPUBLICANS HOLD CONVENTION

The Republicans of Franklin county met in Louisburg in the courthouse on Saturday and held their regular County Convention. At this convention O. W. Ayscue, Bland G. Mitchell, W. R. Young and W. W. Green were elected delegates to both the State and Congressional Conventions.

REJECTS BIDS COUNTY HOME

To Receive Bids Again April 19th

County Commissioners Appoint List Takers; Receive a Number of Reports; Draws Jury for May Court; Meets Both Monday and Tuesday

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. The following business was disposed of after reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting:

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Welfare, was received and filed, and the following recommendations were adopted: That Adeline Fuller was placed on outside pauper list at \$3 per month, Isaac Perry and Susan Pearce were stricken from outside pauper list.

Report of John Hedgepeth, Superintendent County Home, was received and ordered filed. He reports 4 white and 10 colored inmates.

Reports from the following township road boards were received. Cedar Rock, Dunns, Louisburg, Cypress Creek.

Report of Miss Daisy Caldwell, Home Agent, was received and filed.

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

On motion the home and farm agents were instructed to purchase a new typewriter for their office.

On motion the county agreed to pay for one third of the cost of building a bridge across Moccasin creek between Wake and Franklin County, at a cost not to exceed \$40 per thousand for timber and construction.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health Officer, was received and filed.

The following tax listers were appointed:
Dunns—M. F. Hales.
Harris—J. B. Wilder.
Youngville—G. E. Winston.
Franklinton—R. H. Jones.
Hayesville—L. O. Frazier.
Sandy Creek—G. B. West.
Gold Mine—J. W. Neal.
Cedar Rock—S. H. Boone.
Cypress Creek—Alton Wilder.
Louisburg—W. H. Macon.

The Board with the assistance of the Sheriff drew the jury for May Court. G. W. Aycooke was appointed Constable for Gold Mine township to fill unexpired term ending 1926. He took the oath, and filed his bond.

The following road trustees for Cedar Rock township were appointed for the period set opposite their names: John W. Wheelless, 3 years; J. C. Bartholomew, 2 years.

Arthur Strickland turned in \$2 for old bridge timber sold.

The board ordered that the proposition of the county wide road maintenance be submitted to the people at the June primaries.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again on Tuesday to receive bids on the construction of the county home.

The board met on Tuesday at 12 o'clock in accordance with adjournment at which time bids were received.

Only one bid was presented for the construction of the county home. This bid was presented by J. W. Hudson, Jr., and amounted to \$38,500.00.

The low bid for heating was made by Dermott Co., for \$3,757.00 and the low bid for the plumbing was by Dufford and Kern for \$2,263.00.

The Board rejected all bids and ordered another call for April 19, 1926.

F. J. Beasley was awarded the contract for \$50,000.00 notes to provide funds for the construction of the county home, at 5-1-4 per cent interest, at par.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Monday, April 19th.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. John Archie McElfer, pastor of Louisburg Baptist church announces that on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock one of the Wake Forest B. Y. P. U.'s will have charge of the evening service. Twenty young men are coming over to take part in this service. All county churches throughout the whole county are invited to come in and worship with us at this service.

MRS. PATTERSON DEAD

Mrs. Cynthia Patterson, daughter of Shim and Martha Kearney, died in Franklinton March 31st, 1926. She was in her 81st year, and was the only sister of ex-Sheriff H. C. Kearney. One son, R. H. Patterson, of Wilson and two daughters, Mrs. Cor Redmon of Bonifay, Fla., Mrs. Pattie Fleming of Asheville, N. C., survive her. Also a number of nieces and nephews. Her nephews and great nephews acted as pall bearers. She was buried in the cemetery in Franklinton by the side of her husband and mother.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my deepest appreciations and thanks to my many friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during the recent illness of my wife. I am glad to say that she has recovered.

G. W. MATTHEWS,
Casalla, N. C., Route 2.

TO EMPLOY ENGINEER

Arranging for Better Streets; Reports of Clerk and Chief of Police Received

The Board of Town Commissioners met on Friday night in regular monthly session for the transaction of business. On roll call the Mayor and all members were present.

The resignation of Messrs. Pearce and Tucker contractors for the cleaning of the streets, was presented and accepted.

The clerk was ordered to draft specifications for new bids for a new contract for the cleaning of the streets and have sealed bids submitted not later than Wednesday, April 7th at 6 o'clock, after which time these bids should be opened before the Street Committee and the contract awarded the lowest bidder.

Mr. Stuart Davis was asked to meet with the Street Committee and advise as to what would be the best plan to get the streets in good order.

The Mayor was instructed to sign notes deferring the payment of the accounts of the American La France Fire Engine Company.

A motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Dr. Fleming that a statement of the affairs of the town be published was carried unanimously.

The services of Mrs. A. W. Green as assistant clerk was extended to May first.

Mr. Elam representing the Anderson Engine and Foundry Company was before the board with specifications for additional power for the water and power plant. On motion of Mr. Person and seconded by Mr. Howell the specifications were ordered to be filed for reference in the future.

Representatives of Fairbanks Morse Company were also before the board but no action was taken with reference to the purchase of machinery.

A motion by Dr. Fleming, "That the Mayor appoint a committee of three commissioners to secure and engineer for the purpose of ascertaining the horse power required to carry the present load and to estimate the future requirements of the plant" was seconded by Mr. Allen and was carried. The Mayor appointed Messrs. Fleming, Allen and Person.

The report of the clerk was read and approved, which was as follows: Taxes totaling \$6,785.34.

The report of B. H. Meadows was read and approved, which follows: Costs, \$100; fines \$43.60; License, \$37.50; rent, \$40; sale of car, \$38.

A number of bills were approved and ordered paid.

No further business the meeting was adjourned until the next monthly meeting.

MRS. C. T. SAUNDERS ENTERTAINS

On Sunday, March 28, Mrs. C. T. Saunders of Cedar Rock, delightfully entertained a few invited guests.

The main purpose of the occasion was to give two ladies, Mrs. Susan J. Matthews of Castalia, mother of Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Annie Creekmore of Justice, an enjoyable day together. Both of these ladies were born in the same year; married in the same year; and now at the age of eighty years, they are both widows. Although they have lived in adjoining counties, yet it was their first day together within fifty years.

To see these two old school mates meet, embrace each other, and weep for joy at meeting, produced a most impressive scene. They talked of how good the Lord has been to permit them to meet again.

During the day it was intensely interesting to hear them tell of their girl hood days, of their experiences at school, and to catch now and then some significant remark from one or the other as they engaged in conversation.

At the noon hour all present were invited into the dining room where the guests found a bounteous supply of good things to eat. The menu consisted of soup, ham, cabbage, roast beef, potato salad, baked chicken, deviled eggs, pickles, peaches with whipped cream and cake.

Those whose good fortune it was to be present were Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and family, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. McCauley, daughter of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Creekmore, Mrs. T. H. Sledge, Mr. T. H. Sledge, Mrs. Allen Braswell and Mr. Robert Braswell.

The day passed all too quickly, and the guests departed declaring Mrs. Saunders to be a most charming hostess.

SPECIAL CHURCH NOTICE

The Raleigh district conference will convene at Holland's Church, Garner Circuit, near Raleigh, April 15-16. The first session of the conference will be Thursday 10 a. m. We trust all the delegates from the Louisburg Methodist Church will attend.

O. W. DOWD, Pastor.

PLAY AT SANDY CREEK

"A Fortunate Calamity" will be given at Sandy Creek Friday night April 16, at eight o'clock. Come and bring someone with you.

Admission 15 and 25 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

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MR. W. E. WHITE ELECTED PRESIDENT

Of The First National Bank of Louisburg.

Directors of First National Bank Choose Successor to Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin, Deceased President.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Louisburg held on April 6th, Mr. W. E. White was unanimously elected President of that institution to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin.

The election of Mr. White will be received with great satisfaction by the friends and patrons of the Bank. He is, in every way, a worthy successor to the lamented Mr. Ruffin, and possesses in the highest degree the same qualities which inspired the confidence and commanded the respect of all.

Mr. White has been closely identified with the business life of our town and county for nearly a quarter of a century, and has exemplified throughout that period those attributes of uncompromising integrity, scrupulous fairness and sound judgment which make the ideal bank executive. In his own business he has enjoyed uninterrupted success for more than twenty years, and while energetic and progressive, he is eminently safe, sane and conservative. He has won hosts of friends by his unfailing courtesy and right dealing and we feel sure that his election to the Presidency of this important institution will be hailed as a most wise and happy choice.

The First National Bank is one of the strongest and soundest banks in this section of the State, having always pursued a wise and conservative policy and by its constant adherence to sound banking principles has attracted a large clientele of patrons and depositors. With Mr. White as President and Mr. F. J. Beasley continuing as Vice President and Cashier, we may all confidently look to see it grow in strength and in helpful service to the community. Franklin County may well regard it with pride as one of her leading institutions worthy of all confidence and support.

METHODIST CHURCH

In the absence of the pastor next Sunday Rev. Philip Schwartz, professor in State College, Raleigh, will preach at the morning service. At the evening hour Rev. E. C. Crawford will preach.

Miss Ethel Sugg of Louisburg College is planning a specially attractive service for the junior congregation.

The standard training school for Louisburg and vicinity will be held in Louisburg College April 18-23, beginning Sunday, April 18, at 7:30 p. m. All the sessions will be held at night. All the Sunday school officers, teachers and prospective teachers from the Louisburg church, the college, Tar River Charge, Franklinton Station, and Louisburg Circuit are urged to attend. Splendid courses are offered, and expert instructors from Duke University and Norfolk, Va., will be in charge of the school and will conduct the class work. We hope we shall enroll 150 for the courses, and that all who attend will get their certificate of credit.

LIST OF JURORS

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the May term of Franklin Superior Court which will convene on May 10, 1926:

Dunns—W. H. Privitt, H. C. Mullen, W. K. Phillips, W. H. White, R. L. Seymour, B. C. Mullen.

Harris—T. F. Strickland, L. B. Perry, Bryant Strickland.

Youngsville—N. B. Layton, W. P. Weathers, J. E. Tharrington, E. J. Thorne, R. C. Catlett, C. A. Moore, T. W. Cooke, Ed Pearce, W. C. Perry, H. W. White.

Franklinton—F. M. Cox, J. T. Mitchell, B. F. Wilder, H. G. Jones.

Hayesville—C. M. Ayscue.

Sandy Creek—J. A. Upchurch, L. T. Insoce, H. G. Conn, J. J. Murray.

Gold Mine—Dolphin Gupton, R. M. Dorsey, J. H. Radford.

Cedar Rock—Clarence Rowland, W. A. Frazier, J. W. Nash, H. H. Roe, Mark J. Hayes, G. C. Brown, E. G. Brewer.

Cypress Creek—B. H. Headen, H. W. Wilder, W. H. Delbridge.

Louisburg—W. F. Breedlove, E. C. Wrenn, J. A. Reavis, J. S. Howell, J. A. Mumford, S. E. Bailey, Ernest Foster.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

Supt. E. L. Best, President of the Louisburg Parent-Teachers Association announces that the association will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, April 15th at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. John Blair, Director of School House planning and school ground beautifying will be present and give suggestions concerning the improvement of our grounds. Each member is urgently requested to be present.

Did you know that roast pork was supposed to have been originated in early China when a but burned down and a pig burned to death in it.

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. R. W. Hudson visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas visited Raleigh Friday.

Mrs. L. S. Bryan, of Oxford, is visiting her parents.

Mr. R. G. Bailey spent the holidays in Roxboro with relatives.

Dr. H. A. Newell, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. John W. Hudson, of Tarboro, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Harkins, of Bennettsville, S. C., was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. Chas. Macon, of Kinston, is visiting relatives and friends in Louisburg.

Mr. T. Ivey, U. S. Deputy Marshal, of Cary, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. M. P. J. Williams, of Rocky Mount, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mrs. Eva Perry and daughter, Miss Hilma, left yesterday for Amityville, N. Y.

Messrs Jack Brown and Pete Hoffman were visitors to Durham Sunday and Monday.

Miss Helen Van Ende of the College faculty spent the spring holidays in New York.

Mr. Jake Friedlander spent the past week end in Richmond, making the trip by automobile.

Misses Emma Bartholomew and Beulah Cooper spent the Easter holidays with friends in Raleigh.

Miss Eleanor Perry, who is teaching in Henderson, came home and spent Easter with her parents.

Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Misses Josephine Leonard, Nell Woods and Roseland spent Tuesday in Henderson.

Mr and Mrs. G. M. Beam and little son spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Beam's relatives at Roxboro.

Messrs. — — — Johnson, of Baltimore and — — — Jones, of Richmond, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. B. G. Hicks, who is attending school at Hendersonville, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Louisburg.

Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Dowd left yesterday for Elkin, N. C., where Mrs. Dowd will spend some time with her parents.

Misses Lilly Letton, Dulcie Hayes and Elizabeth Allen of the College faculty spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. W. W. Webb and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in and near South Hill and Blackstone.

Capt. and Mrs. E. F. Griffin and Mrs. Julia P. Scott returned Tuesday from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Woodfin, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. J. T. Alderman, chairman of the State Historical Commission, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Alderman.

Miss Lucy Smithwick and little nephew, Dan McFarland, after spending Easter with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick, returned to Greensboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Egerton and daughter, Elizabeth, visited relatives at Elizabeth City Sunday. Mr. Egerton returned home Monday and Mrs. Egerton will remain for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Michael and little son, of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bedford, of High Point, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas.

Mr. W. B. Barrow returned from Rocky Mount Wednesday where he had been at the bedside of his wife who is seriously ill at a local hospital. Their many friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Barrow is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hagwood and family of La Crosse, Va., Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hendrick and family of Palmer Springs, Va., Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Egan and family of Richmond, Mrs. B. E. Callie and son of Richmond, and Miss Dick Orburn of Bambarand, N. C., spent the Easter holidays with their mother, Mrs. R. E. Orburn and sister, Mrs. Cyde Burgess.