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TAKE ROAD  
TAX OFF LAND

Advocated By Gov. Gardner in Support of The State Taking Over The Maintenance of All Roads.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Serious charges of inefficiency against county road authorities were made by Governor O. Max Gardner tonight in a radio appeal to the public to let their representatives know where they stood on the road bills.

The governor explained that the administration measure provided for the state's taking over every county road in the state, a new highway commission which would not be bettered in allocating funds to little counties by automobile registration and at least a \$6,000,000 reduction in property taxes.

The governor emphasized the fact that the abolition of 150 small and inefficient road governing bodies, and shifting their duties to the efficient highway commission would greatly reduce the actual cost of maintaining the county roads.

He also pledged himself to appoint the best man available to the proposed new highway commission, regardless of whether or not they were members of the present body.

Praises Present Commission. He praised the work of the highway commission but said its task was finished and a new commission would be created.

Charges against the counties included: 1. Bonded indebtedness for roads in far in excess of the value of the highways in the county systems, bonds having been issued to pay deficits.

2. Hopelessly inadequate and wasteful methods are used in many counties.

3. No records of township expenditures are kept and in a few instances the county accountant has no receipt of tax money for road purposes.

4. Fifty per cent of the tax levy in some counties is used up in salaries, per diems and overhead expenses.

5. No satisfactory records of the cost of maintenance and upkeep are kept.

6. County authorities reported \$6,000 miles of road but survey showed there were only 45,090 miles.

7. The gasoline, oil and grease bill amounted to \$20 per mile—many miles showed no evidence of having benefited by maintenance.

8. For every dollar invested in equipment almost one dollar was required for its operation and repair.

9. Some counties are over equipped, others under equipped.

10. Some counties are equipped with right kind of machinery, others not.

11. Counties have paid the penalty for too close contact with super-salesmanship in road machinery fields.

12. Court costs have been paid from road funds.

13. It cost the counties \$515 to keep a prisoner on chain gangs, while it costs the state prison only \$279.

14. The county unit is not large enough for efficient operation.

Defends Gas Tax Increase. The governor defended the proposed increase in the gasoline tax by one cent, making it six cents, on the grounds that those who use the roads should pay for them and not the property tax payers.

"The pride and admiration of the people in this state in superb accomplishments of the present and past members in the state highway commission in building up our magnificent system of hard surfaced highways I share as fully as any one," the governor said in speaking of the body which he proposed to abolish.

He explained, however, that the efficiency of the highway commission was not an issue in the present contest and that he was trying to organize a commission to meet the conditions of 1931 as efficiently as the present commission met the conditions in 1921.

He attacked the district organization and the legal allotment of funds, pleading for a statewide system, with no restrictions on allotments to smaller and poorer counties, which are now limited by the division of funds on the basis of area, mileage and population.

LOUISBURG CHORAL CLUB. The Louisville Choral Club will meet with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson at their home on Sunset Avenue Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This club is for all lovers of music of the town and all are invited to join the "musical troupe." An enjoyable hour is spent every Monday night and more there are the merrier the hour and music.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of our darling baby Herbert Brooks. We will always remember their kindness. MR. and MRS. JOE C. JOYNER.

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MAJ. GEN. SMEDLEY D. BUTLER

of the United States Marines, who was ordered Court-martialed by Secretary of War Davis, for utterances in a speech recently charging that Mussolini, President of Italy, with hit-and-run driving an automobile. The Court-martial trial was recalled Saturday after Gen. Butler had expressed his regrets and received a reprimand from the Secretary of War. The speech of Butler occasioned a diplomatic apology by the United States.

Suggested Changes In Government

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Consolidation of 23 North Carolina counties into 11 is suggested by the Brookings report on county government in the state, released tonight by Governor O. Max Gardner.

"It is our recommendation that a careful study be made of this question of county consolidation," says the report, "and to this end we are listing certain specific instances in which... it is believed, such a consolidation could be made with advantage."

The following consolidations are urged: Cherokee and Clay counties with Murphy as county seat.

Graham and Swain counties, with Bryson City as county seat.

Mitchell and Avery, with Spruce Pine as county seat.

Henderson and Polk, with Hendersonville as county seat.

Alexander and Iredell counties, with Statesville as county seat.

Stokes and Forsyth, with Winston-Salem as county seat.

Caswell and Person, with Roxboro as county seat.

Hoke and Cumberland, with Fayetteville as county seat.

Wilson and Greene, with Wilson as county seat.

Chowan and Perquimans, with Edenton as county seat.

Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck, with Elizabeth City as county seat.

If such consolidations were effected North Carolina would become a state with 85 counties instead of its present 100.

Suggests Uniform System. The report also suggests a uniform governmental system for the state's counties. The county government would be composed of the following units:

1. Board of county commissioners.

2. Department of finance.

3. Department of justice.

4. Department of education.

5. Department of health.

Mrs. R. P. Taylor Passes Away

Mrs. R. P. Taylor, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Bryan, at Oxford, Thursday night of last week at 8:30 o'clock as the result of a case of pneumonia. Mrs. Taylor was a resident of Louisburg since 1905 until the fall of 1929 when she moved to Oxford where she made her home until her death. Mrs. Taylor was one who was known by everyone who knew her for her bountiful kindness and loyalty. Her influence was of the kind that rendered service to its receivers and many are the beneficiaries of this noble life of kindness and cheer.

Among us all she ranked always a woman of sympathy, a kind neighbor, devoted mother and a true friend and withal a woman of heroic mould in bravely meeting the stern requirements and often the disappointments of life.

To her the struggle and burden bearing of earth are ended, and we confidently trust that like one who awakes from a troubled dream she has awakened to see life's endless morning break and knows herself at home with all the vast throng of loved ones, missing from earth, safe about her. Her home instincts were strong here in this fevered world of disappointment. Her affection for friends and kindred was tender and abiding.

Her parting was as her cheerful life, amidst a throng and bounty of beautiful flowers and so fitting are the words once said: "These flowers, so typical of the life of her we mourn, mutely speak the pathos of a parting word."

The deceased was twice married; first to Mr. Bennett Boddie Perry who died in 1882, and from which union survive two sons, Messrs. E. C. Perry and B. B. Perry, of Louisburg. Later she married Mr. Robert P. Taylor who with their daughter, Mrs. L. S. Bryan survive. Also the deceased has three sisters who survive her, Miss Columbia Crudup of New York, Misses Annie Davis Crudup, and Lillie Crudup of Wake Forest; also two brothers, Dr. G. P. Crudup, of Nebraska City, Neb., and Mr. Josiah Crudup of Mississippi.

The funeral services were held from the home in Oxford, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and were conducted by Revs. Reuben Meredith, of the Episcopal church, and — Reese, of the Methodist church.

The services were largely attended by numbers of friends and loved ones of the deceased.

AT HOME. The Louisburg College Faculty will be at Home to their friends Tuesday afternoon, February 17th, 1931, from four to five o'clock.

A corse formed a clew in the McPherson kidnapping case, but the strings the police pulled didn't hold.

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES

For some time an agitation for lower electric light rates has been going on in Louisburg and has produced the following consideration for the Board of Town Commissioners. The proposed new rates and a comparison of the present and the proposed rates with other towns around of nearly the size of Louisburg is given.

RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR LIGHTING ONLY  
Minimum—20 K. W.—\$2.00.  
First 50 K. W. Hrs. @ 10 cents per K. W. Hr.  
Next 25 K. W. Hrs. @ 8 cents per K. W. Hr.  
Next 25 K. W. Hrs. @ 6 cents per K. W. Hr.  
All excess over 100 K. W. Hrs. @ 5 cents per K. W. Hr.

The above scale is identical to Tarboro's Rates excepting that Tarboro has \$1.50 Minimum-charge. We have about 150 customers who at present do not use over our minimum of 16 K. W. To reduce our minimum to \$1.50 we must stand a monthly loss in income of approximately \$75.00.

Comparative chart of costs under proposed rates and existing rates, and those in other towns. Table with columns: Name of Town, No. of K. W., Cost, etc.

COMBINATION RATES. A combination domestic residential rate, applicable only when electric refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, or major electrical appliances are in use, is suggested as follows:

Table showing rates for combinations of refrigerators and ranges. Columns: Av. Res. K. W., Av. Refrig., Total Range, Av. Cost, etc.

COMMERCIAL RATES. For Lighting only: Same as Residential Lighting Rate and 3 cents per K. W. for refrigerators, or any major appliance. This necessitates two meters where appliances are used.

Farmers To Get Government Aid

The one aim and great desire of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club this year is to be of assistance in every way possible to the Farmers of Franklin County. One of the big objectives for the year 1931 is to do something for the underprivileged Farmer, to study his problems, help him or find help for him.

The Kiwanis Club is thoroughly familiar with many of the problems now facing the average farmer. We know very well there are many that we do not know about, and still many more we cannot and do not pretend to know how to solve. The problem of money right now and how to get it is the most important thing to the farmer at this time.

Franklin County has just been declared in the drought area. Not until however, a committee was sent to Washington with information as to the last years drought and its effect in Franklin County did the officials there recommend that Franklin County should have a part of the "Drought Loan Fund" passed by the present Congress. We are greatly indebted to this committee. We trust that the farmers who find themselves entitled to this accommodation will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends in Louisburg:

Rev. and Mrs. Conley Greer request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Dot C. L. to Mr. Herman Roosevelt Chesson on Tuesday, the Seventeenth of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, at nine-thirty o'clock in the evening, First Christian church, Plymouth, North Carolina.

Enclosed were cards reading as follows: At Home after the first of March, Louisburg, North Carolina. The bride-to-be is one of Plymouth's most charming and accomplished young ladies and is deservedly popular among her hosts of friends.

The groom-to-be is one of Louisburg's most popular and promising young business men, occupying an important position with Reavis and Harrison, wholesale grocers.

Kills Himself



Edward T. Edwards, former Governor of New Jersey and United States Senator, dependent over money losses and his wife's death, commits suicide.

Youngville Teams League Leaders

Boys Team Goes Ahead to Put Both Youngville Teams on Top.

With only a few more games to be played the relative positions of most basketball teams in Franklin County High School League is about settled for the pre-tournament games. Possibly some of the best games from the viewpoint of excitement were played Tuesday night when Edward Best girls lost to Louisburg by a two-point margin and the Edward Best boys won from Louisburg by a one-point margin.

It is hard to tell whether or not the pre-tournament leaders can hold their position throughout the tournament. The Youngville girls have lost one game to Franklinton by a wide margin and Franklinton lost to Youngville and Epsom. Epsom lost to Youngville and Edward Best and after defeating Epsom Edward Best lost to Bunn and Louisburg.

The results of the boys contests are much more tangled than those in the girls games. So at the present time there is no claim on the championship which can not be disputed.

Schedule For Friday. Bunn vs. Franklinton at Bunn. Louisburg vs. Youngville at Louisburg.

Gold Sand vs. Edward Best at Gold Sand (noon). Tournament games will begin at 8 o'clock.

How The Teams Stand. Table with columns: School, Games, W., L., P. C.

WATERS PEOPLES. A wedding which came as a great surprise to the people of Louisburg was solemnized last night February 12th at Rev. M. Stamps home.

Stamps and wife of Louisburg when Mrs. Stamps became the bride of Mr. Floyd Bernard Walters of Rev. M. Stamps officiating. The bride was attended by a lovely group of brown ensemble with accessories to match.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Peoples of this city.

She is very attractive and popular among a host of friends. She received her education from Mills High School, Louisville College and Massey Business College of Richmond, Va.

Mr. Walters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Walters of Charlotte. He is now holding a position with the Georgetown Garage at Washington, D. C. They left Sunday afternoon on their bridal tour to Washington and other northern cities and will be at home in Washington, D. C., after February 12, 1931.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. The American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mesdames D. T. and R. W. Smithwick on Tuesday afternoon, February 17th, at 2:30 o'clock. The presence of every member is desired.

MRS. FORREST JOYNER, Sec'y.

Prof. G. L. Winchester Speaks To Kiwanians

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Friday night, F. J. Beasley, who had charge of the program, presented to the Club Mr. G. L. Winchester, teacher of Agriculture, in the Franklinton High School.

Mr. Winchester explained very efficiently how the Federal Drought Aid Loans could be obtained by the farmers of Franklin County, Franklin County being included in the Drought district.

The following are some of the requirements, or conditions under which a farmer can obtain these loans: The Drought must have affected him, i.e., his crop was an inferior one to the one made the previous season; he cannot obtain commercial credit from any source (not being able); he is required to plant a home garden, and enough land in feedstuffs to take care of all livestock; the limit to each landlord is \$600 per annum to be paid to applicant in installments—this loan bears a 5 per cent interest rate, per annum; teams must be encumbered; crops must be diversified; this loan shall only be used to purchase fertilizer, seed, and foodstuff for live stock.

Applications will be filled out in Louisburg by F. J. Beasley, and the local community committee; in Franklinton, by Mr. Winchester and his community; in Youngville, by W. T. Moss, and his local community committee. The charge for filling out these application blanks is \$1.00 plus a probation fee of 50 cents. Applications are immediately sent to Washington where they are either rejected or approved in not over 48 hours after receipt, thereby assuring applicant that he will be able to immediately know the fate of his application.

The amount of money to this county is of no definite sum. It is sufficient to take care of drought stricken farmers, we are assured.

Any information that you desire to know concerning these loans will be given you by the above men, who are thoroughly familiar with every detail.

Recorder's Court

Possibly the smallest docket in the history of Franklin Recorder's Court was before Judge James E. Malone Monday when only four cases were to be disposed of. Two of these were tried and two continued:

Waddell Alston was given 60 days in jail to be hired out, for assault, with provision to be discharged upon payment of costs.

Ganle Ramsdell was found guilty of distilling and prayer for judgment was continued.

The case of operating automobile intoxicated against E. A. Rogers and Ervin Glenn were continued.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR DEAD. Mr. William James Taylor, father of Mrs. C. C. Hudson of Louisburg, whose home is in Lexington, died at Rocky Mount Wednesday morning of last week at the age of sixty-eight.

The funeral services were held at the cemetery at Nashville where the interment was made on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. W. G. Farrar, pastor of the Nashville Methodist church.

The services were largely attended and an exceptionally beautiful tribute was paid the deceased through the enormous and pretty floral offering. The pall bearers were nephews of the deceased, who were J. P. Taylor, Z. A. Taylor, C. T. Taylor, R. L. Taylor, Nannie Crouse, B. W. Crouse.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Taylor, and four children, D. F. and J. R. Taylor, both of Lanston, Pa., Mrs. Phil G. Sturges, of Wood, and Mrs. C. C. Hudson, of Louisburg.

PARENTS OF BASKET BALL PLAYERS TO BE GUESTS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

All parents who have sons or daughters playing on any of the high school basketball teams in Franklin County are given an invitation to be present at the first round of games to be played in the Championship Tournament. Complimentary passes for parents will be issued by the Secretary of The Franklin County High School League and sent to coaches.

These passes will not be good except for the first game of any team. The regular admission will be 15 cents for school children and 25 cents for adults. Expenses of the tournament will naturally be heavy, but no increase in admission charge will be made even for the final games. It is hoped that supporters of teams will use their influence to boost attendance at all games so that the work of the League will not be handicapped by the small admission charge. Plans are being made by several to show the public just how much they can cheer a good team. Better make your plans so you will not miss anything.