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JUDGE G. V. COWPER PRESIDING

Over Franklin Superior Court

Solicitor Little Prosecuting Docket—Many Cases Being Disposed of—Grand Jury Makes Report—E. H. Malone Welcomes Judge and Solicitor on Occasion—Their First Official Visit

The regular May term of Franklin Superior Court convened Monday with Hon. G. V. Cowper, of Kinston, Judge presiding and Hon. J. C. Little, of Raleigh, Solicitor.

Judge Cowper is serving under special appointment and this is his first visit to Louisburg. Also Solicitor Little is holding his first court here this week, having been prevented from being present before on account of illness.

At the opening of court Mr. E. H. Malone, on behalf of the Franklin County bar, extended a warm welcome to Judge Cowper and Solicitor Little on the occasion of their first visit to Louisburg in their official capacity. These officers responded in very appreciative terms.

Judge Cowper's charge to the Grand Jury was quite different from most charges in that he sought to impress the importance of the duty of Grand Jurors upon his hearers instead of so much explanation of law and crime. Although the great strides of education since the launching of the great campaign by Chas. B. Aycock, made it unnecessary to take up so much time with telling the jurors of their duty, other things have contributed greatly along that line also, constant contact with the system for instance. He told of how the grand jury stands at the door of the criminal court and can block it, or can be of great help to the court. He told of how if seven members were of a mind to do so they could keep all criminals from being tried, certainly at that term. He told how the whole grand jury system is under attack, a demand for it to be abolished. In his opinion, Judge Cowper, stated it was not so much a criticism of the system as of the personnel, a failure on the part of the members carrying out their duties. He told of how the poorest system in the hands of good people could work fine and likewise the best in poor hands would be a mess. He told of the importance of the courts functioning in a way to win admiration of the public because it was the only branch of the State government in which the public comes in constant contact and also because of the epidemic of crime. He told of how we have twenty homicides to England's one, and 50 robberies to her one. What we need is a new birth of nationalism. He suggested that the courts should function so that every violator could understand that as he sees so shall he reap. The charge was very interesting and instructive.

Solicitor Little is proving an able prosecuting attorney for the State and his many friends in Franklin are well pleased to see him so much im-

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Boston Man Gets \$25,000 Award

James T. Sharkey, Milkman, Captures First Prize in Reynolds Contest

Winston-Salem, May 13.—James Thomas Sharkey, 32, a milkman in Boston, was awarded the \$25,000 first prize in the \$50,000 nation-wide contest for the best setting forth the advantages of smokers of the new moisture-proof cellophane wrapper on Camel cigarette packages, officials of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and the contest judges announced today. Sharkey lives at 101 Train Street, Dorchester, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Mrs. Walter Sweet, mother of three children and wife of a Marine Corps captain now stationed at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy Yard, won the second prize of \$10,000.

Third prize of \$5,000 went to Julius M. Nolte, real estate dealer of Duluth, Minn., and former secretary of the Duluth Commercial Club.

In all 38 prizes were awarded, of which five were for \$1,000 each, five were for \$500 each, and 25 were for \$100 each. Judges of the contest were Roy Howard, Chairman of the Board of the Scripps-Howard League of newspapers; Charles Dana Gibson, famous artist and publisher of Life Magazine; and Ray Long, President of the International Magazine Company and editor of Cosmopolitan.

W. B. Barker, Jr., of Winston-Salem, and C. L. Thomas, of Mount Airy, each won \$100.

An Apple Queen



Miss Harriet Anderson will represent North Carolina at the Virginia Apple Blossom fete.

CALL FIVE WITNESSES

For Senate Corruption Probe

Committee Investigating Two Alleged Attempts To Bribe Luxury Tax Senators—Report Money Offered For Any Vote—Faison Thompson, W. L. Long, E. C. House, and Dave Pope Summoned

To be examined in connection with two reported attempts to bribe members of the Senate—both of which, if made, were unsuccessful—the Senate investigating committee yesterday summoned five witnesses to appear before it this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In connection with the report that on May 4 one or more luxury tax Senators were offered \$2,500 to absent themselves from the Senate, or a larger sum to change their votes, the committee summoned Faison Thompson of Goldsboro, W. L. Long of Roanoke Rapids, E. C. House of Weldon and Ray Jones, hotel clerk, wanted only to bring his records.

In connection with the report that a corporation official had said that Senator John Hinsdale could "have anything he wanted" if he would give up his luxury tax fight, the committee summoned David H. Pope, chairman of the Wake county commissioners, alleged to be the man who brought the report to Senator Hinsdale.

In Room 346 The report of the first attempt, Senator Ward of Beaufort, told the committee, came to him through Judge Henry A. Grady who got his information from Mr. Thompson. Mr. House comes into the picture as it was in room 346, assigned to him on the hotel register, the alleged attempt occurred on May 4. Mr. Long was called because with the registration, which was done by the clerk after a request over the telephone, the room was charged to him. Mr. Long is a former member and president prominent at the Senate.

If any members of the Senate are to be asked to come before the committee they will be asked, not summoned. It was said yesterday that one member would be asked, but that Senator insisted last night that he would not be.

Going to Bottom. The Senate committee is not limiting its investigation to these two matters alone, but will, according to its members, probe any report that comes to have any basis which comes to it from a responsible source. Moreover, the five witnesses summoned will only be the first, if their testimony indicates there is more to be learned. It is the sense of the committee that now the investigation has started, it should be carried through to the very bottom.

The members of the committee yesterday discussed calling another Goldsboro lawyer before it, but postponed that until it had heard from Mr. Thompson more about what he said to Judge Grady.

One thing, members of the committee said, should be made clear. The fact that a witness was summoned should not be considered as an indication that there was even a rumor of his participation in any alleged corruption. Rather it meant that the witness had information it needed to carry out its investigation of the allegations.

Ward Chairman. In the resolution by which it was created the committee was given power to summon witnesses, secure sworn testimony and, if necessary, punish for contempt. Its processes are served by Sergeant-at-Arms, O. P. Shell. The committee is to report to the

LET'S RALLY IN RALEIGH

Louisburg Threatened With Slow Train Through Arkansas

A subscriber, in a very humorous but sincere state of mind, contributes the following call to the citizens of Louisburg to attend a hearing on the proposal of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to discontinue the operation of the train on the Louisburg branch, before the Corporation Commission at Raleigh on Wednesday, May 20th:

"Efforts are being made to cut the train service in Louisburg to one shoo-fly in and one shoo-fly out of town each day. The question is, 'Will we stand for this without complaint?' The No's have it, and it is so ordered. Then let's DO something. On May 20th the hearing on this proposed new and classy train schedule will be heard before the Commission in Raleigh (NOT THE LEGISLATURE). Let's everybody who is not busy—that is ninety-eight per cent of us—tramp to Raleigh before we are tramps in Louisburg, and see if we can't raise the L. outen the S. A. L. We ain't even had a bus since our grand mammys wore 'em. It's a tainted deal and 'tain't right.

"About a thousand of us ought to go over to the depot, buy a ticket to Raleigh, git in the caboose, on top of the caboose, all over the caboose,—and ride on a train onct more. It's excitin. You know, we have to go to Franklinton, jes to see a real train. Ain't DAT sum'n.

"Yeah, all of us ought to take a basket full of dinner, and some bananas, and go to Raleigh with our fightin' clothes on. After the battle, we could visit the old soldier's cemetery, the museum, and the Legislature. If the S. A. L. Ry. WILL make a dead town outen us, we may as well be learnin' how to act. LET'S GO!"

Observe Home Coming

Alumnae Banquet at Louisburg College to be Held Saturday Night, May 23rd.

Much preparations are under way for the Alumnae Banquet at Louisburg College which will be held on Saturday evening, May 23rd. The occasion is planned to be one of thanksgiving and home coming for the alumnae for the apparent continuance of their Alma Mater. The following is a portion of a letter written to the Alumnae of the College by their secretary, Mrs. Margaret Hicks Howard. "Our banquet this year is going to be an occasion for thanksgiving. Our Alma Mater has made a hard fight this year for its existence, and for several months it looked as though 'our beloved' College would have to close its doors, after so many, many years of worthy service. But now a way has been found, and Louisburg will continue. More than ever before though it needs our interest, our loyalty, our faith. Think what it means to each of us to have our College continue! We must be boasters for the cause! Let us show the new administration our love for our Alma Mater by a big attendance at our banquet.

"The College authorities are going to turn over to home coming alumnae the entire Wright dormitory." It was stated that alumnae were to be given rooms in Wright dormitory that they might remain at the College and attend the entire commencement.

Mills School Closing

Commencement exercises for Mills High will begin Wednesday night, May 20th, at 8 o'clock, with a musical recital by the pupils of Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro. High School's Glee Club entertainment.

Thursday night, May 21st, at 8 o'clock: Play—"The Magic Whistle" by pupils from the first to the fifth grades. Friday afternoon, May 22nd, at 5 o'clock: Class Day Exercises of the Senior class of 1931. The program will be as follows:

- 1. The Last Council—Featuring Indian customs and usages.
- 2. The Peace Pipe—Doris Strange.
- 3. Welcome (the salutatory)—Doris Strange.
- 4. Tales and Legends (the class history)—Ben. T. Holden, Jr.
- 5. Indian Love Call.
- 6. Statistics—Beatrice Godfrey.
- 7. In Tribute—Edith Komp.
- 8. A Will in Writing (the class will) Edward Stovall.
- 9. The Larch (the class poem)—Mie Phillips.
- 10. Good Medicine (the class prophecy)—Felix Allen.
- 11. Giftoorian—Sarah Hicks.
- 12. Farewell (the valedictory)—Tempe Yarborough.
- 13. Farewell Song—Senior Class.

Friday night, May 22nd, at 8 o'clock—Address by Dr. A. D. Wilcox. Awarding of Diplomas to Seniors and Seventh graders. Senate, if that body is still in session when it completes its work. If not, it is to report to the Governor. Yesterday at its first meeting, the committee organized and elected Senator Ward of Beaufort, who introduced the resolution, as chairman. Other members are Senators Fritchett of Bertie, Haywood of Cabarrus, Nixon, of Lincoln, Lovell, of Watauga.

Baptists Get New Pastor

Mr. Harris of Seaboard, N. C., Accepts Call to Louisburg Baptist Church

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Louisburg Baptist Church on Wednesday night May 6th a call was extended to Rev. D. P. Harris of Seaboard, N. C., to become the pastor of this church. A committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Harris and extend the call from the church to him.

A letter has just been received by the committee from Mr. Harris with his acceptance of the call and saying he expects to begin his work here on the first Sunday in June.

Mr. Harris is among the strongest preachers in the State having held pastorates at Norfolk, Va., and other large charges. His wife is dean of Chowan College at Murfreesboro.

Something Is Always Worrying El Brendel

Fifi Dorsay Causes Swedish Comedian No End Of Trouble In "Mr. Lemon Of Orange," Comedy Directed By John Blystone

El Brendel, premier Swedish comedian of the talking screen, whose latest Fox comedy, "Mr. Lemon Of Orange," in which he is co-starred with Fifi Dorsay, will be seen Thursday, May 21st, at the Louisburg Theatre, is the most easily worried man in Hollywood.

If Brendel really hasn't anything bothering him, he worries about that. He thinks something must be wrong, or things wouldn't be going along so smoothly.

Brendel studies harder than any other actor in the film capital, and spends hours working out tricks and funny situations which he is sure will get laughs when he does them before the camera.

"Traveling around the country in vaudeville, playing a different town each week, I learned to depend entirely upon myself," he said. "I used many props in my act, that is, funny clothes, funny equipment and things of that sort. Everything had to be just right or it might fall when I wanted to spring it on an audience. If it didn't work, the stunt would fall flat. So I spent hours practicing with them, and preparing them for each performance.

"I even did all my own sewing on my famous 'breakaway' suit gag which used to be such a great laugh getter. The tuxedo I used had to be put together just so with threads, so that I could break the right one at the right time. I couldn't trust anyone else to do it right, so I got in the habit of doing everything for myself."

Brendel is regarded as the hardest working actor in pictures, spending more time in preparation of his roles than any other player. He rehearses his roles at home before a mirror until he is sure that every gesture and facial expression is exactly right. He works at top speed until a picture is finally completed, and then relaxes completely for a week or so before he starts worrying about something else.

Others in the cast include William Collier, Sr., Ruth Warren, Donald Dilaway and Joan Castle. John G. Blystone directed. The dialogue is by Eddie Cantor and Edwin Burke.

British Boy Scout



Bobbie West, of England, is over here to attend the 21st annual convention of the Boy Scouts in Memphis.

AUDITORS MAKE VERBAL REPORT

At Meeting of County Commissioners on Last Saturday—Other Matters Receive Attention Also

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held in their offices in Louisburg on Saturday afternoon the auditors made a verbal report of their work. This was given in executive session and no facts or figures are available for publication.

George L. Cooke, Accountant, was given instructions relative to several tax questions.

The Board adopted resolutions endorsing and recommending to the State Highway Commission Mr. M. S. Davis to have charge of the roads in this section.

Upon motion W. T. Moss, H. P. Speed, W. A. Jones and Hill Yarborough were appointed a Committee to seek a hearing before the State Highway Commission relative to the wisdom of changing the Survey on Highway 59 near Ingleside.

The question of taxes was discussed and the following resolution passed: Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County passed at a meeting held in Louisburg, May 9th, 1931.

Whereas the Legislature has been in session for over four months and in that time they have passed a law called the "MacLean Bill" which is intended to defray the expenses of six months public schools, but to this date they have been unable to agree upon a revenue bill by which the funds necessary to support the said six months schools may be raised, and whereas a group of citizens and taxpayers of Franklin County has appeared before the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County requesting that the Board ask the Senators representing Franklin County in the State Legislature to oppose any ad valorem tax: Therefore, Be it Resolved That We, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County do hereby go on record as asking our Senator, Hon. L. L. Graveley and Hon. T. R. Uzzell, Senators for this Senatorial District to give ear to the wishes of the people of the said District and give their support to some bill which will provide funds to maintain the public schools the constituted six months in addition to the assistance to the extended term without resorting to the ad valorem tax thereby giving your support to the measure which would relieve the great burden of taxes on land owners of this your district.

Be it further resolved That we are taking this liberty of addressing you on this question by reason of the fact that you were elected to represent the people of our County of Franklin as well as the Counties of Wilson and Nash and we hope you will see fit to give your constituents the relief they so sorely need.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be reported to the News and Observer and The Franklin Times and spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Adjournment was taken to the next regular meeting.

Thought is bolder than speech. Don't think out loud.

RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

Let Contract For Annual Audit

Mayor Joyner Appoints Committee To Attend Hearing Before Corporation Commission To Contest Reduction of Service by S. A. L. Railway—Mayor Appoints Committees

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session, Tuesday, May 12th, at 8 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor L. L. Joyner, and upon roll call all members were present.

Messrs. P. S. Allen, Jr., and M. S. Davis, were before the Board and solicited Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on the Town Truck.

A motion prevailed that this insurance be given to Davis & Davis.

Mr. F. N. Spivey petitioned the Board to extend the power lines to his new residence beyond the Town limits. This matter was referred to the Light & Water Committee.

Messrs. Bagby and Steele, representing A. M. Pullen and R. L. Steele & Co., respectively, were before the Board, bidding on the annual audit for the Town of Louisburg, N. C. After careful consideration, A. M. Pullen & Co. was awarded the audit upon the provision that it would not cost over \$350.00 and less if possible. The Monthly Reports of the Town Clerk, Chief of Police, and Tax Collector, were read by the Clerk, reviewed, and approved by the Board.

The Tax Collector was instructed by the Board to postpone the Advertising for Sale of the 1930 delinquent tax list, until the first Monday in August, 1931.

Attorney C. H. Yarborough addressed the Board on the proposed change in train schedules of the S. A. L. Ry., which would give Louisburg only one train each day in and out of Louisburg. Mr. Yarborough and members of the Board discussed the disastrous results that would follow this action on the part of the S. A. L. Ry. Co.

The Mayor appointed Atty. C. H. Yarborough and every member of the Board, with Mr. F. H. Allen, as Chairman, as a Committee to attend the hearing in Raleigh, N. C., on May 20th, 1931, with the duty to fight this proposed change and to fight for better service than we are now getting from the S. A. L. Ry. Co.

The Tax Collector was instructed to consult with the Town Attorney, and to make the proper refund in taxes to Mr. G. H. Cooper, for a portion of a lot that is not in the Town limits.

Upon nomination and second the following Town employees, were elected at their present salaries:

- T. K. Stockard, Town Clerk; O. C. Hill, Superintendent of the Light & Water Plant; B. H. Meadows, Chief of Police; C. E. Pace, Night Police and Attendant of the Fire Truck; C. H. Yarborough, Town Attorney; D. E. Cone, Town Tax Collector; Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Town Sanitary Officer; J. S. Howell, Chief of the Fire Department; Herman Murphy, Fire Truck Driver.

The Clerk was authorized to make purchase of supplies not to exceed \$15.00, the Purchasing Agent to purchase supplies not to exceed \$50.00 excepting fuel oil and lubricating oil. Fuel oil and lubricating oil is to be purchased by the Purchasing Agent upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Light & Water Committee and the Supt. of the Light and Water Department. All purchases above the amounts named above must be authorized by the Board.

Mr. W. E. White was unanimously elected Purchasing Agent.

A motion prevailed that no invoices would be approved for payment by the Board unless purchase orders accompany the invoices.

The Clerk was instructed to secure quotations on prices on paint, to be used for painting the stand pipe.

A number of invoices were reviewed and approved for payment by the Board, after which adjournment was taken.

Mayor Joyner announced the appointment of the following Committees:

- A. W. Person, Mayor pro-tem.
- Water & Light—F. H. Allen, W. J. Cooper, W. E. White.
- Streets—A. W. Person, M. C. Murphy, W. J. Cooper.
- Finance—W. E. White, R. W. Smithwick, A. W. Person.
- Ordinance—M. C. Murphy, A. W. Person, R. W. Smithwick.
- Auditing—R. W. Smithwick, F. H. Allen, M. C. Murphy.
- Building—W. J. Cooper, F. H. Allen, M. C. Murphy.
- Tax Adjusting—W. J. Cooper, W. E. White, R. W. Smithwick.

In each case the first named is designated as Chairman.