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REVIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ENDORSE ACTIVE INTEREST OF MAILS

To Begin Active Effort For Roads And Market—President To Revive And Put To Work All Committees.

About twenty-five members of the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce met in the Court House on Monday night in response to call and formally decided to revive the old organization and requested President F. J. Bessie to call his Committee Chairmen together and revise and revise them to the end that an active organization will be gained.

A resolution was adopted asking the Post Office Department at Washington City to grant no changes in rural free delivery service in Franklin County that did not give first consideration to the receipt and dispatch of mails from the County seat.

A motion also prevailed to instruct the Roads Committee to get in immediate touch with the proper authorities in the interest of having Route 59 put in proper shape for a permanent State highway that the road from Louisburg by Bunn to Pilot forming the only missing link in the Henderson to Clinton Highway be taken and any other road matters of interest to the County.

It was requested that the Committee on Markets become active in the interest of boosting the Louisburg tobacco market for the coming season, and asked that plans for immediate action be taken to this end.

Other angles of developing a greater Louisburg spirit were discussed with much enthusiasm and will be given immediate attention by the Chamber.

The question of the next meeting was discussed and it was decided that it might be best to delay that subject to the call of the President, and let the Committees and Executive Committee, to be composed of the officers and Committee Chairmen of the Chamber pass upon all questions not demanding the attention of the entire body.

Quite a good bit of interest and enthusiasm was exhibited by those present at this meeting.

Albert Fall Begins Sentence

Sante Fe, N. M., July 21.—Albert E. Fall today became Number 6991 in the New Mexico State Penitentiary—stripped of his citizenship rights in the state which has heaped honors upon him.

The 70-year-old former Secretary of the Interior was committed last night to serve a sentence of a year and a day on conviction of accepting \$100,000 to negotiate a lease on Federal Oil Naval Reserves while he was a cabinet member. The commitment marked the end of an eight-year legal battle.

Boostered by heart stimulants administered by his physician while enroute by ambulance from his ranch at Three Rivers, Fall was immediately taken to a private room in the prison hospital. Dr. J. H. Gambrell, his personal physician, said Fall was in "no condition to be confined." He is unable to take care of himself," Dr. Gambrell said, "is not certain of his feet and requires constant attention."

In response to a telegraphic request from Pardon Attorney Finch in the Department of Justice at Washington, U. S. Marshall Joseph F. Tondre, dispatched a telegram notifying him that Fall had been committed, some speculation was aroused by the exchange of messages.

Looking After Government Loans

Mr. Walter M. Deal, representing the Farmer Seed Loan office of the United States Agricultural Department, at Washington, was in Louisburg Wednesday laying plans for the regular inspection of crops of the farmers in Franklin County who had made loans through this department. He says the government is making these inspections in sixty three counties out of the one hundred counties of the State. Mr. Deal informs the TIMES, that the government is going to make collections of this money this fall, and for that reason, a check up on all crops will be made and brought forward at intervals during the growing and harvest season.

Many Lincoln County farmers will pass into the 1,000 and 2,000 bushel of class of wheat growers on account of splendid yields this spring, says Graham Morrison, county agent.

Vaccination is not compulsory in Norway, but an unvaccinated person can not vote.

Won Long Play-Off



Billy Burke, Greenwich, Conn., won the open golf title after many extra holes with George Von Elm, who tied with him at the tournament near Detroit.

LEVY AND COLLECT TAXES

Town Commissioners Instruct Tax Collector Cone To Get The Money.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in Special Session, July 21, 1931 upon the call of Mayor L. L. Joyner. Upon roll call the following members were present: A. W. Person, W. E. White, F. H. Allen, R. W. Smithwick, W. J. Cooper. Absent: M. C. Murphy. Mayor Joyner was present and presided.

Mr. Clyde Burgess was before the Board, and requested a rate of 2c per K. W., for a 50 H. P. that he contemplates installing. After a discussion on this proposal, the Board ordered Mr. Burgess a rate of 4c per K. W. Mr. Burgess refused to accept this rate.

Mayor L. L. Joyner, stated to the Board that it was imperative to take definite action in regards to the collection of delinquent taxes on personal property, in view of the fact that Real Property has been advertised and sold for delinquent taxes. The Board discussed the delinquent tax problem thoroughly, and the following motion was offered:

A motion was made as follows: "That D. E. Cone, Town Tax Collector, be instructed to collect all taxes according to law, on all Personal Property, due for the year 1929 and all years prior thereto." A roll call vote on this motion resulted as follows: Aye—W. E. White, R. W. Smithwick, W. J. Cooper; No—F. H. Allen and A. W. Person. The motion was carried and so ordered. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A reunion at Wexford, Ireland, of Americans born in County Wexford is planned for 1932.

COSTS 16 CENTS A DAY TO FEED INMATES

According to figures gotten from County Accountant G. L. Cooke's office yesterday, it has cost Franklin County \$19.44 per month per inmate to keep and maintain the County Home. This includes all charges except debt service. \$5,988.29 was spent for the eleven months up to and including June 1st, 1931, \$1,463 of which was spent for food and provisions. The remainder was spent for supervision, the farm and other maintenance. The total reported inmates for the same period was 306, or an average of 28 per month. The food item alone cost the County \$4.75 per month or 16 cents a day per inmate. This last item does not include the vegetables and such produced at the home. Assuming that the cost of producing the vegetables and such is as much as one-half the other cost it will place the total cost of feeding the inmates at 24 cents a day. These figures are as accurate as can be gotten and are subject to such variations as would be caused by inmates leaving before or arriving after the first of the month.

Figures from the same source show that \$3,320.60 was spent for feed and provisions for the jail, which represents the amount paid under a contract at the rate of 50 cents a day per person.

From a comparison it will be seen the County should save at least \$1,160.30 a year by feeding the jail population from the County Home.

WOMEN AND LIQUOR INVOLVED

CORONER HOLDS HEARING IN WILLIAMS CASE

State Holds to Theory Mrs. Williams Killed Husband—Son Claims Father Killed Himself—Death Followed Joy Ride.

Clayton, July 17.—The State thrust boldly on its theory that Jesse Williams was killed by his wife, Ivey Hinton Williams, as Coroner J. M. Kirkman began the formal inquest into the mysterious death of the Johnson county political leader at his home here on the night of June 26.

"Jesse McCoy, I've shot myself," the slain man's 17-year old son testified his father said as he staggered into his adjoining bedroom.

"Didn't you tell the coroner and Sheriff Richardson that he said 'Jesse, Jesse, I've been shot?'" countered Solicitor Clawson Williams.

"No sir," responded the boy.

"Didn't, in fact, your father say that 'I've had shot him?'" parried the Solicitor.

The boy hesitated a moment as the crowd of nearly a thousand persons who thronged the high school auditorium until after midnight, tensely awaited his answer.

"No sir, he didn't say that," he answered, raising his voice.

Joy-ride With Women.

The Solicitor made his direct thrust after Philip Whitley, Wendell attorney retained for the private prosecution by the dead man's mother, had established through Arthur Hinton, Mrs. Williams's brother, that the slain man had been with him and two women on a joy-ride shortly before he went home and to his death and that he had been drinking heavily.

Wags of evidence from testimony of Sheriff R. H. Richardson indicated that Mrs. Williams was of a jealous nature.

Coroner Kirkman ordered the women who were with Williams, one of them named Mrs. Morning Jackson, and the other identified as her niece, but not named, subpoenaed for the next hearing which will not take place until next Friday.

The delay was explained by the fact that Solicitor Williams has a criminal term of court next week with three capital cases to try.

Hear Four Witnesses.

Only four witnesses were examined tonight, the other being Wilbur Biggs, Wendell laid who was spending the night with Jesse McCoy. He testified, as did young Williams, that the slain man stumbled into their room stating that he "had shot himself."

Biggs said the elder Williams had a pistol in his hand. His son said he first noticed the gun lying on the floor after his father had fallen.

Twenty-two witnesses, including Mrs. Williams, were sworn. Attired in black, she appeared to be a much younger woman than published photographs indicated.

Excludes Witnesses.

The coroner excluded all witnesses from the auditorium until they were called to testify. Mrs. Williams did not at first leave the room, and although her attorneys, Abel and Shepherd of Smithfield, insisted that she should be permitted to remain, later departed.

The hearing did not get under way until nearly 9 o'clock, and the minuteness with which the four witnesses were examined indicated a long procedure before the inquest is concluded.

Dr. Battle Hocutt, physician called to attend Williams, took the stand just before it was decided to recess shortly after midnight. He did not begin his testimony.

The active participants in the hearing occupied the stage of the large auditorium. Nearly a thousand spectators, many of them women, overflowed the main floor into the gallery and few departed until the slain man's son had testified despite the lateness of the hour.

Mrs. Williams was not called.

The coroner's jury is composed of: Hugh Page, a lawyer; Robie Saunders, a farmer; John I. Barnes, an undertaker; Foster Barnes, a merchant; M. C. Champion, a merchant, and Alonzo Arthur, a town employe.

Has Not Moved Office

Mr. W. H. Yarborough has requested us to state that he wishes to correct any impression that he has moved his law office to Raleigh. Mr. Yarborough has not moved to Raleigh and does not intend doing so. He will continue to practice law in Louisburg as in the past, and has merely opened a branch office for convenience in looking after certain cases in which he has been employed in Wake County. His Louisburg office will be open at all times for "business as usual."

Model husbands, so a satisfied wife tells us, are not built for speed.

California Girl Weds Crooner of Ditties



Rudy Valle, idol of flappers, broke a million hearts, according to his press agent, when he secretly married Fay Webb, of Santa Barbara, Cal., in New Jersey recently.

Wake Voters For Schools

Reject Move To Vote Off Special Tax By Big Majorities in Two Elections And Vote On a Tax in A Third.

Raleigh, July 22.—Wake County citizens in two special school taxing districts yesterday turned thumbs down in no uncertain manner on proposals to vote off their special school tax and revert to six months school terms.

In the Garner-Auburn school district the election to vote off the special school tax was defeated by a margin of 676 votes out of a total registration of 834. In the Fuquay Springs-Willow Springs district the proposal received an even more overwhelming defeat with only 61 votes cast for the proposal out of a total of 975, leaving the proposal defeated by a margin of 914 votes.

In a third election held yesterday, the 35 registered voters in a portion of the Wilders Grove school district by a comfortable majority voted to joint the Knightdale special school tax district which last year levied a special tax of 43 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Another election has been called for August 18 in the Rolesville district for voters to express their sentiments in regard to voting off their special school tax there. Last year this tax was 43 cents.

The three elections were in widely separated sections of the county, and for this reason special significance was attached to the overwhelming defeat administered in the two districts where the proposal was to eliminate the school tax at the expense of the schools. In the third district, taxpayers voted on themselves the special school tax levy in order to secure an eight month standard school for their children.

Kiwanis Cotton Ball

The Louisburg Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Cotton Ball tonight in the Allen Building.

A Fashion Parade of the cotton dresses worn will be staged during the dance at eleven o'clock when the judges will award prizes to the wearers of the best looking cotton dresses.

The music will be furnished by the splendid local orchestra. The Carolina Footwarmers, which is getting quite a reputation for the quality of programs they are playing.

The purpose of this ball is to raise money that will be diverted to charity, underprivileged children and other such activities the Kiwanis has in its program.

Children's Day

Children's Day at Sts. Delight church was very successful and quite a large number of people attended, enjoying the morning program in which participated about twenty small boys and girls, the dinner on the church lawn and the play staged in the afternoon by a group of older people.

The play, "The Prodigal Son," was given with the following characters: father—W. T. Clay, mother—Mrs. R. H. Wood, Prodigal son—Jesse Wester, second son—Jack Joyner, servant—Clyde Swanson. Immediately following the play, Mr. T. H. Sledge commented on the play applying it to the present life.

The music for the program was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Newton.

Sometimes experience is so ripe it spoils its possessor.

ASPHYXIATED IN HOTEL IN RALEIGH

B. MABRY HART, OF TARBORO, VICTIM

Death Came After Fire in Room Following a Mid-night Party—Deceased Big Mill Man—Coroner's Jury Find Verdict.

The death of B. Mabry Hart, of Tarboro, prominent textile manufacturer, whose body was found in a dry lath tub after a fire wrecked his room at the Carolina Hotel early yesterday morning, was due to asphyxiation, the coroner's jury found last night. The jury, however, never learned the immediate circumstances of the death. The last person known to have been with him before his death was an unidentified blonde woman whom police so far have been unable to locate.

The testimony of the doctors who performed an autopsy on the manufacturer's body and the testimony of A. J. Fox, of Raleigh, who left Hart and the blonde about an hour or an hour and a half before the fire was discovered, comprised the most important evidence given at the inquest. There was only one intimation of foul play brought out, the testimony that Hart had received a blow on the back of his head before he died, but that was discounted by other evidence which indicated his last act on earth was to stumble across a burning floor to the bath room, probably seeking escape, and to fall into the bath tub, his head hitting a faucet.

Believed to Have Been Alone. Coroner L. M. Waring expressed the opinion that there was no one with Hart when the fire began and the jury, by its verdict, appeared to agree. Fox testified that when he left Hart the blonde woman, fully dressed, appeared to be about to take her own leave.

Though there was evidence brought out that Hart had been doing some drinking during the night, no one testified that he was drunk. His death, the evidence indicated, followed a prolonged but not a loud party, in which several friends and three women had, at least, some part, but the evidence indicated that all had left Hart's room for at least an hour before he died.

Hart Heavily Insured. It was told the coroner that Hart had considerable insurance which carried double indemnity in case of accidental death and the autopsy was had at the request of an attorney who called from Tarboro, saying that the estate would bear the expense. Dr. C. C. Carpenter, head of the department of pathology at the Wake Forest medical school, and Dr. S. P. Bass, of Tarboro, and Dr. C. T. Smith, of Rocky Mount, performed the autopsy in the presence of Coroner Waring. Dr. Carpenter made the report on the stand.

"What in your opinion was the cause of Mr. Hart's death?" asked Solicitor J. C. Little after the doctor had described, in medical terms, the various conditions found in the heart, the brain, the stomach, the liver and the kidneys of the deceased.

"Burns with asphyxiation," answered the physician.

Findings of Autopsy. In the lungs, said the doctor, he and his associates found soot and smoke. He described in scientific terms the condition found in other organs, and the burns he found on the body, all of which caused him to attribute death to burns and asphyxiation. The blow on the back of the head, the doctor said, might have caused unconsciousness but it might not. "The evidence was that the blow took place before death," he said.

At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, July 25th:

Saturday, July 25—Buck Jones in "Desert Vengeance," also comedy "Ambitious People."

Monday and Tuesday, July 27-28—El Brendel and Una Merkel in "Six Cylinder Love," with Edward Everett Horton, Sid Fox and Spencer Tracy.

Wednesday, July 29—The Laugh Riot of the Season! The Unforgettable Comedian—Joe Cook in "Rain or Shine," with Louise Fazenda and William Collier, Jr., also comedy and serial "Hero of The Flames."

Thursday and Friday, July 30-31—Marion Davies in "Five and Ten" with Leslie Howard and Irene Rich. Also Fables and Grantland Rice Sportlight.

Saturday, August 1—Eddie Cantor in "Whoopie." Returned by popular demand. Also Charlie Chase in a comedy entitled "One of The Smiths."

Boss of All Heavies



Max Schmeling, the German, successfully defended his title of heavyweight champion of the world in his fight with Young Stribling at Cleveland.