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TO ARRANGE OFFICES FOR AUXILIARY

TOWN COMMISSIONERS HOLD FULL MEETING

To Advertise Property For Sale For Taxes October 2nd—Set Tax Rate At \$2.10—To Consider Organization of Colored Fire Company.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session at 8 P. M., August 4, 1931. The meeting was called to order by Mayor L. L. Joyner.

Upon roll call the following members were present: A. W. Person, W. E. White, F. H. Allen, R. W. Smithwick, M. C. Murphy.

The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Chief of Police were read and approved.

The Budget for the fiscal year 1931-1932 was presented to the Board by Mayor L. L. Joyner and W. E. White, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

It provides for an expenditure of \$37,000.00 for running the town and \$32,570.00 for bonds and interest, making a total of \$69,570.00. The estimated revenue which includes the receipts from the water and light plant and taxes is \$66,372.40, leaving a deficit of \$3,197.60. To offset this deficit the town has due it \$46,804.03 delinquent taxes and \$19,102.86 delinquent street pavement assessments and interest, making a total of \$65,906.89. This will show a surplus revenue of \$56,909.29, if properly collected.

After thorough discussion of the above Budget the Board agreed that a tax rate of \$2.10 could be adopted for the year 1931, and that the deficit must be collected from delinquent taxes and Paving Assessments.

A motion prevailed "That a tax rate of \$2.10 per \$100.00 be established on 1931 Taxes."

After careful consideration of the present financial depression prevalent in this section, and the inability of the public as a whole to pay their 1930 taxes at present, the following motion was made:

A motion prevailed "That the advertisement of 1930 taxes on Real Property be conducted for thirty days beginning October 2nd, 1931, and that the property so advertised be sold November 2nd, 1931."

Mr. Q. S. Leonard was before the Board with a complaint regarding his water bills. The Board instructed Mr. O. C. Hill to investigate this matter and to make every effort to detect any leaks in the water system at the residence of Mr. Leonard.

Mr. J. S. Howell suggested to the Board that a Colored Fire Company be organized, with headquarters in South Louisburg. Mr. Howell stated that this would not only be a great assistance to the Louisburg Fire Department, but that it would possibly lower the fire insurance rates in Louisburg in an amount greater than the cost of upkeep of a Colored Reel Team.

The Board instructed Mr. Howell to investigate the above proposal thoroughly and present an estimate of the expenses of a Colored Fire Company to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Howell requested the Board to make the usual contribution to the Fire Department for expenses of its members attending the Fireman's Tournament in the near future.

A motion prevailed "That the Board of Commissioners authorize a contribution of \$250.00 to the Louisburg Fire Department for its oncoming Tournament expenses."

Mr. Howell advised the Board that he was willing to pay a balance due of \$206.83 on his check for Pavement Assessments, but that he was unwilling to pay interest on the check since the date of issue.

A motion prevailed "That the Board accept the balance of \$206.83 due on the check of J. S. Howell, and that Mr. Howell is not to be held responsible for the interest on the check since date of issue."

The Board granted Mr. Leslie L. Allen an extension of time until Oct. 1, 1931, in which to pay the personal property taxes charged to Leslie L. Allen and the Allen Machine Company upon the condition that in the event he moves the machinery from the Allen Machine Co. Shop, he will pay the taxes on the date of its removal.

A motion prevailed as follows: "That the rate on the Quality Ice Company Motor of 25 H. P. or above, be raised to 3c per K. W., effective from August 23, 1931." This motion was carried.

The Board instructed Mr. W. E. White and the Town Clerk to confer with Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, in reference to securing suitable offices for the American Legion Auxiliary N. C. Department, at the Towns expense. This action resulted from the fact that Raleigh, N. C. offered the N. C. Department of the American Legion Auxiliary free office space, in order to have Department Headquarters in Raleigh.

A number of accounts were paid and the Board adjourned.

ADDS NEW COURSE

Louisburg College Broadening Its Curriculum—Will Include Civil And Electrical Engineering.

Dr. A. D. Wilcox, President of Louisburg College, gave out an announcement this week that will, no doubt, be of special interest to the many boys in Franklin County contemplating entering College this year. It also shows that Dr. Wilcox is wide-awake and alert to the changing of the times in building up a curriculum that puts Louisburg College at the head of the lists of Junior Colleges—it shows that he is active and energetic in preparing courses of study for boys and girls that will be of practical value to them and will build confidence in this old institution, by assuring the parents of the boys and girls of this section that the new President is thoroughly alive to the needs of the day and is building up the College to take care of these needs.

Dr. Wilcox's announcement is as follows:

"We are putting in a new course in Louisburg College. This is a preliminary course in civil and electric engineering, including Physics, Mechanical Drawing and all other matters leading to a complete course in Civil or Electrical Engineering."

"F. N. Egerton, A. B., M. A. Trinity, E. E. Princeton University, Practical Engineer, will have charge of this course for boys. We are putting up a laboratory for the work in this field."

"This is the best chance that Louisburg has ever offered its young men in education. Any lad—no matter what his final objective is—may get two sound years of preliminary training before going away to the college or university. He can get two years in Louisburg for the cost of one in any larger school. For the day student—he can get two years in Louisburg College for less than the cost of tuition alone in any other college."

"We are sure of a baseball team and football team. Enough expert athletes have already signed up to guarantee excitement during the following year. We have secured a competent instructor in athletics."

Four Sentenced In Robbery Case

Charged at Oxford With Crimes At Henderson, Norlina and Other Places

Henderson, Aug. 1.—Four men involved in recent freight robberies on the Seaboard and Southern railways, mostly the Seaboard, in the past six months, drew varying sentences when they were brought to trial in Oxford this week for one of the robberies, which occurred at the small station of Clay, some 15 miles from Henderson on the Henderson-Durham branch of the Seaboard.

All entered pleas of guilty, after having signed affidavits in the possession of W. E. Wilson, special agent of the Seaboard, who took the lead in working up the case against them.

Vernon Whitaker, who is finishing out a 10-year penitentiary sentence for a similar robbery in Henderson several years ago, having been sent back to State Prison recently after being paroled a year or so ago by Governor Gardner, went on the witness stand before Judge Clayton Moore, who was presiding. He told of the activities of the gang, relating how they rifled freight cars near Oxford, in Henderson, at Norlina, Weldon and other places. Whitaker is said to have implicated E. Cofer, brakeman on the Seaboard yard engine in Henderson, as having kept the ring informed as to the location of freight cars and their contents.

Whitaker and two of his associates in the robberies, Furney McGhee and Robert Tharrington, all three of Franklin county, were given from four to five years in State Prison. Whitakers new sentence to run concurrently with the one he is now serving.

Arthur Wright pleaded guilty to receiving stolen goods, and was given a suspended sentence of 2 months and required to pay the costs of the case. He is a Wake Forest merchant.

It is understood that other arrests in the robbery ring are contemplated by the authorities.

To Feed Jail

Mr. J. C. Tucker has been given the contract to feed the jail population at the usual 50 cents per day per person, as a result of a consultation between the Board of County Commissioners and the Sheriff Monday. Mr. Tucker is well experienced in this line and fully equipped and situated to give the best of service at moderate cost.

Craven County 4-H club members will camp at Neuse Forest on September 1 to 5.

BORDER MARKETS OPEN

Receipts Small On All of The Floors—Growers Busy Curing Also Hold Back In Hope of Increase in Price.

Prices were low on border belt tobacco markets yesterday, opening day of the season, but few tickets were turned. Farmers were prepared by having knowledge of what happened on the Georgia Market last week. Fairmont, largest North Carolina market in the Border belt, reported an average of \$8.44. The Fairmont average on the opening day last year was \$8.71. Fair Bluff had an average of \$9.24. Clarkton's average was \$8.53 and Lumberton's \$7.85.

The better grades of tobacco were selling in some instances better than they did last year. The common grades are as usual in little demand and in less demand this year than usual.

Total sales on the seven border belt markets aggregated only about half a million pounds. Farmers are still busy curing their tobacco and also apparently holding back to see if prices will not get better.

Unofficial or estimated sales and price averages at some of the markets in comparison with last year's opening were:

Fairmont—129,426 pounds at an \$8.44 average; last year \$428,260 pounds at \$8.74 average.

Fair Bluff—100,000 pounds, at \$8.24; last year 125,000 pounds at \$7.75 average; last year 336,168 pounds at \$9.20 average.

Whiteville—175,000 pounds at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5.40 a hundred; last year, 270,000 pounds at \$9.34 average.

Chadborn—42,614 pounds at \$7.10 average; last year, 150,000 pounds at \$8.50 average.

Clarkton—28,000 pounds, at \$8.53 average; last year, 75,000 pounds at \$10.50 average.

Tabor—15,000 pounds at \$8.10; last year, 60,000 pounds at \$8.00.

A letter from Mr. B. N. Williamson, who is buying tobacco on the Lumberton market received by the TIMES yesterday in speaking of the opening states "The prices are low, the average here was \$7.80 per hundred and sales very light. We did not have an Export buyer, but R. J. R. bought more than I ever knew them to buy, and L. and M. was the largest buyer. But take it as a whole tobacco sold better than last year and a better feeling is in the market."

Recorder's Court

The docket in Franklin Recorder's Court was again light on last Monday and was disposed of as follows by Judge Malone and Prosecuting Attorney E. F. Griffin

Elisha Ray was found guilty of violating prohibition law, and was fined \$25 and costs. Appeal.

C. K. Mustian was found not guilty of a charge for a bad check.

Charlie Cooke was found guilty of larceny and given 90 days on roads. Morris Hunt was found guilty of simple assault and was given 30 days in jail. Commissioners to hire out.

The following cases were continued:

Genie Hagwood, violating prohibition law.

Presley Kearney, operating automobile intoxicated.

J. P. Southall, bad check.

List of Jurors

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the August term of Franklin Superior Court, civil term, to convene in Louisburg on Monday August 31st.

FIRST WEEK

Dunn—R. M. Privette, R. H. Johnson, L. D. Perry, B. C. Johnson.

Harris—D. M. Pearce, R. C. Perry, F. A. Baker, W. S. Strickland.

Franklin—R. D. Collins, B. B. Pruitt.

Hayesville—T. J. Finch, L. M. Grissom, W. G. Ayecue.

Sandy Creek—J. R. Parrish.

Gold Mine—J. C. Aycock, G. S. Gilliam, C. W. Gupton.

Cedar Rock—N. C. Rowland, Jr.

Cypress Creek—B. P. Hinton, A. L. Rynn.

Louisburg—J. B. Gordon, J. W. Stovall, J. H. Boone, W. H. Holmes, Jr.

SECOND WEEK

Dunn—H. P. Jeans.

Harris—A. S. Robbins, S. P. Forsythe.

Youngsville—C. A. Moore, E. L. Green, W. T. Young, I. J. Pearce, S. Y. Cawthorne.

Franklin—W. A. Shearon, J. S. Layton, A. F. Hayes.

Hayesville—R. G. Wynne.

Sandy Creek—J. H. Joyner, G. B. West, J. R. Tharrington, J. J. Faulkner, C. G. West.

Gold Mine—J. W. Neal, John Radford.

Cedar Rock—J. O. May.

Cypress Creek—S. R. Wilder.

Louisburg—J. R. Terrell, C. P. Harris, O. T. Inasco.

NEW PRESIDENT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



MRS. HUGH W. PERRY

To whom many honors have come, which in addition to being made President of the North Carolina Unit American Legion Auxiliary, was selected Delegate to the National Convention of the Auxiliary and has been extended an invitation to become a member of the National Auxiliary Organization Eight and Forty. The last is considered about the highest of any honors that can come to one through Auxiliary circles.

A most unusual incident attending these honors were that all came as a birthday and wedding anniversary surprise. It so happened that the day these honors were bestowed upon Mrs. Perry was her birthday and wedding anniversary.

EVERY STATE, CITY AND TOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN NINE MONTHS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Franklin County Literary and Historical Association, Mrs. B. T. Holden, President, Dr. D. T. Smithwick, Secretary, have sponsored the following program and will give aid in every way in making a splendid success:

These points should be emphasized with respect to the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington next year:

1—It is sponsored by the United States Government; Congress created the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the President of the United States is its chairman.

2—It will not be a world's fair or exposition, and it will not be held in any one place.

3—It will be a nation-wide, even a world-wide series of celebrations in which every state, city and town—every organization and institution, every home and individual—in this country, together with Americans and others in many foreign countries, will participate. Every community is expected to plan and carry out its own program of events, in cooperation with the United States Commission and the State Commission.

4—It will last from Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1932, to Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1932, with special local and national celebration everywhere on all holidays, anniversaries, or other days which can be connected with the life of George Washington.

5—While the ceremonies on February 22 should be especially elaborate and impressive, as marking the actual Two Hundredth Anniversary of George Washington's Birth, arrangements also should be made for public gatherings, pageants, plays, processions, musical festivals, tableaux and other events at various times during the entire period of more than nine months. Every program should relate to the great life and work of the first President and Founder of the Republic. On Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and other national and local holidays or anniversaries there should be special programs, but the celebration should not be confined to these days.

6—It will take time to prepare the local programs and arrange for the local celebrations. The United States Commission urges mayors and other officials of every city and town in the country to appoint George Washington Bicentennial Commissions or Committees, in order to prepare for the events of the Bicentennial Year.

7—All organizations and institutions of whatever character—civil, business, labor, educational, religious, fraternal, literary, social and others—are urged to plan for a "George Washington Year" in 1932.

8—The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington Building, Washington, D. C., will send literature and suggestions for local programs to any committees, organization or group that will write for them.

The following have been appointed on the County-wide Committee: Prof. E. L. Best, Supt. Public Instruction Franklin County; Hon. J. B. Collier, Dept. Revenue, Raleigh; Prof. M. B. Measamer, Louisburg College; Hon. L. L. Joyner, Mayor Louisburg; E. J. Chestnut, Franklinton; Hon. W. L. Lumpkin; G. T. Meade; Hon. E. H. Malone; Prof. T. H. Sledge, Cedar Rock Schools; Prof. S. L. Bowen, Bunn Schools; Prof. E. T. Parham, Youngsville Schools; Prof. J. A. Woodard, Epsum Schools; Prof. G. B. Harris, Franklinton Schools; Prof. W. R. Mills, Louisburg Schools; Prof. Owen Reed, Gold Sand Schools; Hon. Hill Yarborough.

The following citizens have been named to compose a separate Committee and execute the programs among the colored people: Rev. Geo. C. Pollard, Chairman; Dr. J. B. Davis, Louisburg; Dr. John H. Savage, Franklinton; James Isaac Cooke, Louisburg; Jenette Sills, Louisburg; Rev. Thomas Alston, Gupton.

D. T. Smithwick, Secretary, announces that additional names will be added later.

A new insect has been affecting the sweet potato vine of Currituck County. Specimens are being studied by C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist.

Currituck potato growers report an average yield of 15 barrels to each barrel of seed planted. A high percentage has graded U. S. No. 1 in quality.

J. H. BOONE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR

To Retire Sandy Creek Township Bonds—Many Reports Made—To Meet August 6th To Complete Budget.

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

T. S. Dean filed report of Welfare office and recommended that Mrs. Woodlief's allotment be discontinued as her husband is back at home and that Mrs. Martha Pearce be stricken from outside pauper list, she being dead. The report and recommendation were accepted and approved.

Report of W. T. Moss, chairman, that he has visited the County home and finds everything in good condition, was accepted. He reports 31 inmates. He also filed report of John Hedgepeth, Superintendent, County Home, and Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Board arrange to take up both tax cases of Mrs. Annie L. Neal and Mrs. V. P. Neal and have them tried the same day.

No action was taken on the request of R. L. Steele that the County appropriate \$1500 for one quarter report of County Audit of Franklin County.

A motion of Speed that Franklin County have an audit made each year at a cost not to exceed \$1000 received no action.

Commissioner Jones suggested that the Board go to Vance and Warren Counties and see what system they use as a guide for the future for them.

The Commissioners appropriated \$50 as a reward for the arrest of an unknown negro who killed Johnnie Winston.

Upon motion the County accountant and attorney be and they are hereby allowed to purchase Sandy Creek township bonds with Gold Mine township sinking fund's money.

The jurors for the August term of Franklin Superior Court were drawn. Upon motion Jack Wood was placed on outside pauper list at \$3 per month for three months, money to be used for medicine.

Upon motion J. H. Boone was elected tax collector.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again on August 6th.

A meeting of the Board was held on Thursday July 30th for the purpose of passing the Budget items.

E. L. Best presented the School budget which was accepted.

A large delegation of ladies were present in the interest of keeping the Home Agent, and were given a hearing.

Only a few items of the budget were approved, before adjournment.

Battery "B" To Leave For Camp

Battery B, the Artillery Unit of the N. C. N. G. at Louisburg will leave Sunday for a two weeks encampment at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville. The Battery is in first class shape and will no doubt make a splendid showing.

MURPHY-FREEMAN

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Freeman, of Colerain, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Thelma Elizabeth, to Rev. O. Jack Murphy, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The wedding will take place in September.

The bride is a very attractive and accomplished young lady, especially popular among a host of friends.

The groom is one of Franklin County's most popular and promising young men. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and is teaching at Merry Hill.

The many friends of this popular young couple await the coming event with much interest.

At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, August 8th:

Saturday, Aug. 8—Jack Holt with Constance Cummings in "The Last Parade," also Our Gang Comedy.

Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 10-11—Robert Montgomery in "The Man In Possession," with Charlotte Greenwood.

Wednesday, August 12—Clara Bow in "Klek In".

Thursday and Friday, Aug. 13-14—Walter Huston in "The Criminal Code," with Philip Holmes.

Saturday, Aug. 15—Special Western Feature and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer All Star Comedy.