

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE ANSWERS

To Resolutions of Franklin County Tax Relief Association

Are Willing to Confer With Committee of Men of Sanest Intellect, Highest Character and Most Rigid Honesty—Direct Letter of Inquiry To W. W. Neal, President of The Tax Relief Association

After full consideration of the resolutions presented to them from the Franklin County Tax Relief Association on Monday, October 5th, 1931, the Board of County Commissioners have dispatched to the officers of the Franklin County Tax Relief Association the following answer, in which it is suggested that the Board would welcome a committee composed of men, who by their ability, fair-mindedness and sincerity possess the confidence of your body and the people of the County, with whom a study of the complete tax structure and influence will be made, and whose suggestions would be appreciated. The letter follows:

To the members of The Franklin County Tax Relief Association: We acknowledge receipt of your letter relative to the taxes in this County in which you make certain demands upon us, both as a board and as individuals. We will pass over the tone and temper of many of the expressions contained in it as reflecting more the mental attitude of the writer of it than of your membership generally, which we assume to be actuated only by sane and honest purposes.

Under the economical and financial conditions existing at this time there can be no more difficult task imposed upon any body of men than the proper levying, collection and disbursements of taxes. It is a task which involves many most perplexing problems. We, therefore, wish to assure you that in the performance of that task, and in the attempted solution of its problems, we gladly welcome the co-operation and advice of every well-meaning citizen in the County.

It is impossible to discuss in the compass of an ordinary letter all the details which enter into the consideration and decision of these grave problems. They require the most sane and thorough investigation. We think that you will agree with us that if you are to render any real assistance, as we feel sure you wish to do, you must necessarily, first, be fully informed of the facts of each situation which we are in these matters called upon to meet. We, therefore, propose that your Association appoint from among its members, a committee composed of men who, by their ability, fair-mindedness and sincerity, possess the confidence of your body and of the people of the County, to meet with us and go thoroughly over the whole field. We will be glad to take all the time necessary for your committee to acquaint itself with all the facts and investigate all the records books and accounts, and will welcome any suggestion which it shall see fit to make in the interest of any tax reduction, or any possible saving in the expenditure of public money. If any such reduction or saving shall appear to be practical we will be glad to put it into effect. We feel that if such an investigation is made in an intelligent and fair-minded way there would be removed much of the misunderstanding which in these hard times seem to exist everywhere, between those who are required by law to pay taxes and those upon whom the same law imposes the unpleasant duty of levying and collecting such taxes.

We have no desire to dictate or suggest the membership of your committee, only suggesting that men of the sanest intellect, highest character and most rigid honesty may be selected. But we feel that it is not improper for us to insist that they all be men who are not jurists and not requiring guardians for the management of their affairs.

We hope this suggestion of co-operation may commend itself to your Association, and that the people of the County may thus have the opportunity to be informed of the real facts before passing judgment, but we know that the great body of citizenship of Franklin County desires ever to be fair and just.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.
In addition to the above letter to the Franklin County Tax Relief Association, copies of which have been delivered to the officers, each Commissioner individually has dispatched the following letter to Mr. W. W. Neal,

President of the Association, seeking information as to Mr. Neal's intentions and responsibility:
Louisburg N. C., Oct. 10, 1931.
Mr. William W. Neal,
Louisburg, N. C.
Dear Sir:
In the communication received by me and signed by you, the statement is made that malfeasance has been practiced by certain parties either belonging to the Board of County Commissioners or their agents or by both, and that unlawful methods have been employed by said parties to the serious injury and ill impairment of our public morals and of our public estate. I am writing to ask that you advise me in writing plainly and definitely whether you intend by this language to charge me with the crime of malfeasance in office, or the employment of unlawful methods as such commissioner, and if you consider yourself at this time legally responsible for your statements.

Very truly yours,
The resolutions which brought forth these communications were passed by the Franklin County Tax Relief Association at its meeting held on Monday, October 5th, 1931, and were published in the FRANKLIN TIMES of October 9th, 1931. They contained charges as follows:

"That malfeasance, misfeasance and neglect of duty has been practiced by certain parties either belonging to the present Board of County Commissioners or their agents or by both, that discreet, unlawful, and unjustifiable methods have been employed by said parties to the serious injury and ill impairment of our public morals and of our public estate."

It is understood a meeting of the Franklin County Tax Relief Association has been called for Saturday, October 17th, 1931 at which, no doubt, correspondence of the Commissioners will be placed before the meeting.

Board Holds Special Session

The Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday morning to consider a petition from the citizens of the Cedar Rock school community asking that a teacher be moved from Hickory Rock-White Level school to their school to more nearly equalize the teacher load. The full membership except Mr. Green was present and after a full consideration of the question and finding that a teacher could not be moved without impairing the efficiency of the Hickory Rock-White Level School, it was agreed that this Board would appoint Hill Yarborough and E. L. Best to draft resolutions to the State Board of Equalization urging that an extra teacher be given to this district for the Cedar Rock School. The chairman of the Board and Supt. E. L. Best were instructed to go with a delegation from Cedar Rock to meet Mr. Spruill through whom the resolutions were to be presented.

Financial Campaign For College

President A. D. Wilcox, Louisburg College, informed the TIMES representative that he had started on a financial campaign to raise funds for Louisburg College both in the State and other territories. He reports that his initial trip was marked with favorable success. He seems confident that sufficient help from philanthropists will be secured to enable the College to pay its debts and expand.

ORGANIZE MUSIC SOCIETY

The students of Louisburg College of the Southern Conservatory of Music met Wednesday night at seven o'clock and organized the Foot Society.

Miss Mason Ricks was in charge of the meeting. The following officers were elected:

President—Mr. Herbert Clark.
Vice-Pres.—Miss Frances Lucille McGhee.
Treasurer—Miss Edith Bivens.
Chairman of Program Committee—Miss Ruth Cathy.

The by-laws were read in full by Miss Bivens. It was decided to meet every two weeks on Tuesday night at eight o'clock. The meeting was dismissed by the president, Mr. Clark.

The following are members with the exception of the officers, Miss Hilda Peele, Miss Ida Fuller, Miss Sue Edgington, Miss Martha Taylor, Miss Doris Strange and Miss Lydia Person.

Wonder when the folks who talk all the time ever get a chance to think.

SELLING BIG QUANTITY WEED

Prices Remain Low on Louisburg Market—But Local Tobacco Has Tendency For Higher Prices—Warehouses Making Good Sized Sales Daily.

While prices remain low on the Louisburg market good sized sales are being made each day by each of the three big warehouses, and evidence is in abundance that Louisburg is selling tobacco for as high a price as any where else.

Large quantities of tobacco is being sold here from a distance. It is reported that one lot was sold here one day the past week that had been sold twice before that day on other markets and was let go here, the price being a fraction higher.

Growers are invited to Louisburg with the assurance that they will get as much for their tobacco as anywhere else and in addition will receive that cordial friendly welcome that is worth more than the present prices.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

A large number was present at the tea given on Wednesday afternoon in the social hall of Louisburg College for its students and friends.

The social hall was tastefully arranged and decorated with cut flowers using a yellow color note.

Miss Terry of the Science department and Miss Covington of the Business department poured tea while Misses Evelyn Roper, Liddle Mae Carter and Mildred Dozier of the Business department served.

The program consisted of a medley of piano selections played by Miss Edith Bivens, a recitation by Miss Belle Phillips and a vocal solo sung in French by Miss Dorothy Hurley with Mrs. McCullers at the piano.

JUSTICE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Justice Woman's Club met on Friday afternoon, October 9, with a good crowd present. This being an organization meeting the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. S. R. Murray; Vice-President, Mrs. M. J. Hayes; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. B. D. Stone; Reporter, Miss Adelaide Johnson; song leader, Miss Marian Basemore. After the program and discussion of business, delicious ice-cream and cake was served by Mrs. M. J. Hayes, Mrs. L. A. Miller, and Mrs. James Collier.

Mrs. C. C. Pippin, of Bunn, was a welcome visitor to the club.

FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIT HOLDS CONFERENCE

The Franklin County Unit of the W. M. U. Division of the Tar River Baptist Association, held a conference at the Louisburg Baptist Church on Monday, October 12th, for the W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A. R., and Sunbeam leaders of the different churches, having with them Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Mission Study State Corresponding Secretary and Mission Study leader, and Miss Alva Lawrence, Young People's director. The meeting proved to be a most helpful one; giving to all many fine suggestions and methods in their work.

There were representatives from the majority of the churches in the County. Mrs. J. A. White, of Littleton, Mission Study Leader of the Tar River Association, reported on the Association Library and made an interesting talk. Mrs. J. S. Howell, Franklin County President of the W. M. S. gave a talk on Mission Study. Dinner was served picnic style to the guests, which was enjoyed during the lunch hour allotted in the program.

DISTRICT PARENT-TEACHERS ASSO. HELD AT McCULLERS

Three hundred or more attended the Central District meeting at McCullers October 10th.

Mrs. Roy Wilder, district chairman gave a good report of the year's work. The Central district holds the States loving cup for having organized the greatest number of Associations.

Mrs. C. O. Benton, first vice-president spoke on the Children's Charter. Miss Hattie Parrot brought a message on Parent Education. Miss Susan Fulghum's theme was Phases of School Education. There was a health talk by Dr. J. H. Hamilton.

One of the most interesting speakers was Mrs. W. W. Martin, field worker. N. C. C. W. Pays he expenses of the field worker. Mrs. Martin is to Franklin County in the near future probably the 26th. As County chairman of Parent-Teacher Associations send me your presidents address, and if you want Mrs. Martin to visit your Association.

Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

Plans are being made by the P. T. A. of Mills High School to present a Tom Thumb wedding within the next two weeks. Final plans and arrangements have not been completed.

Winner and Loser In 1931 Classic



GABBY STREET



CONNIE MACK

The goal of a grizzled baseball veteran's ambition was realized last Saturday when Manager Gabby Street found his St. Louis Cardinals the champions of the baseball world. Street, after the game, was so happy he almost shed tears at realizing his dream of piloting a championship team. His dignified and venerable opponent, Connie Mack, disappointed at the failure of his mighty Athletics to win the series in keeping with the "dope," sent Eddie Collins over to Manager Street with the information that "the best team won," and offered his congratulations.

Football Game Today

The Louisburg College football team will play its fourth game of the season today (Friday) with Washington here at the fairgrounds at 2:30 o'clock. The local College team is getting better and better all the time and promises a vigorous and interesting game today. An exceptionally good scrimmage was held for the team Wednesday when they made an especially fine showing. This is the second game of the team played here in Louisburg and the first played here by it since the arrival of Coach Jack Parker at the College.

Dr. Davis Appointed by Gov. Gardner

Is Made Member of State Committee on Negro Relief and Unemployment Henderson District—Enthusiastic Meeting Held—Local Physician Elected Presiding Officer.

Dr. J. B. Davis of this town has been appointed by Gov. Gardner a member of the State committee of Negro Relief and Unemployment. This is a very important committee for it has to do with inter-racial matters pertaining to the continued employment of citizens of color in N. C. to eliminate dependency among Negroes by furnishing adequate employment rather than have them lean entirely upon welfare and relief agencies.

Many prominent white and colored citizens from the principal towns in the Henderson district will be urged to attend a meeting to be held in Henderson on October 19th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., which promises to be a very significant meeting and has the entire approval of His Excellency Gov. O. Max Gardner. From Warren will come Congressman J. H. Kerr, a former superior court judge; and Miss Leach, Superintendent of Public Welfare in Warren County; from Oxford, Congressman Frank W. Hancock and Dr. E. E. Toney; from Henderson, Mrs. M. C. Waddell, Superintendent of Public Welfare for Vance Co.; and Hons. T. S. and J. C. Kittrell; Dr. J. A. Cotton, principal of Henderson Inst. From Franklinton Dr. M. C. King, a member of the Governor's committee, and from Louisburg, Hons. W. H. Yarborough and W. L. Lumpkin, Franklin's popular representative in the legislature; Editor A. F. Johnson, and Miss Sadie Johnson, assistant Editor; Mr. E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare and Dr. J. B. Davis, a member of the Governor's committee.

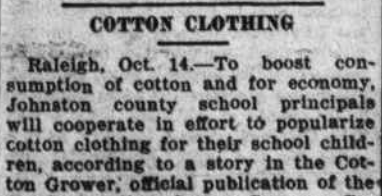
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. H. W. White on Tuesday afternoon, October 20th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Forrest Joyner, Sec'y.

The present low price of corn permitted 24 Craven County farmers to make a profit from five cars of hogs sold recently at \$5.85 a hundred pounds.

Commander of Legion



Henry L. Stevens, a country lawyer of North Carolina, was elected head of the American Legion at the Detroit convention.

COTTON CLOTHING

Raleigh, Oct. 14.—To boost consumption of cotton and for economy, Johnston county school principals will cooperate in effort to popularize cotton clothing for their school children, according to a story in the Cotton Grower, official publication of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. The resolution adopted by the pedagogues suggests overalls for boys, cotton dresses for girls, and cotton hose for all.

J. EDWARD ALLEN ELECTED MODERATOR

TAR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY

Louisburg Baptist Church Entertains Association—Many Notable Speakers Present To Take Part In Program—Most Profitable Session.

A most successful convention of the Tar River Baptist Association was held at the Louisburg Baptist church on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. All but four of the sixty-three churches of Franklin, Warren, Vance and Nash Counties that hold membership in this church organization were represented at the meeting where more than 500 church workers gathered.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. J. T. Alderman, of Oxford, Moderator, called the Association together. After a song service Mr. Alderman submitted his resignation as Moderator which was accepted. Mr. J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, superintendent of Warren County schools, was elected to succeed him and assumed the place of Moderator during the remainder of the convention. The remainder of the officers were re-elected as follows: E. R. Nelson, Clerk; C. W. May, Auditor; and J. T. Alderman, Historian.

Following the organization session the program of the convention was entered upon by Dr. W. R. Cullen of Wake Forest, delivering the introductory sermon, which was enjoyed greatly by the Association. Many interesting talks were made by a number of prominent visitors to the convention among whom were: Mrs. J. S. Farmer, of the "Biblical Recorder"; Dr. C. E. Madry who spoke on "Missions"; Dr. M. L. Kessler, who told of the Orphanage; Dr. G. L. Lumpkin, Supt. of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, who spoke on that institution; and Mr. C. A. Uchurch, who told of the work of the Anti-Saloon League. The reports on Missions and Education were all very encouraging.

Rev. D. P. Harris, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist church in speaking of the convention said it was a most profitable session and splendid attendance gave a most prosperous atmosphere. The local church was host to the occasion and the several committees made exceptional arrangements for the visiting members. The ladies of the local church served dinner to the conventioners on both days, giving them a most excellent feast on both days of the convention, it being served splendidly with much ease and grace. They are to be commended highly for their work for the convention. Also the entire local church is congratulated for its warm welcome to the association and cooperation in every way for the betterment and forwarding of the program and work of the convention.

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Opening Largely Attended

Mr. W. S. Edwards, of Raleigh, has come to Louisburg and is in charge of the Raleigh Salvage Co., located on Market Street. He is an experienced man in handling bankrupt stocks and will no doubt make this store a live trading center for this section.

The formal opening of this new firm held on last Saturday was largely attended and very satisfactory to the owners. Attention is directed to their advertisement in this issue showing many exceptional bargains.

Cotton Report

The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 3,533 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin County, from the crop of 1931 prior to October 1, 1931, as compared with 2,767 bales ginned to October 1, 1930.

At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, October 17th:

Saturday, Oct. 17—Tom Tyler in "God's Country And The Man."
Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18-20—Phillips Holmes and Sylvia Sidney in "American Tragedy."

Wednesday, Oct. 21—Bargain Day—Anna May Wong and Warner Oland in "Daughter of The Dragon."

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22-23—Joan Crawford in "The Modern Age."

Saturday, Oct. 24—A Good Western Program Plus M-G-M Comedy and Serial.