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## BRUMMITT SPEAKS AT FRANKLINTON

MEMORIAL EXERCISES TO MR. AND MRS. VANN

J. O. Parnell Presents Beautiful Bronze Tablet to School on Behalf of Board of Trustees—G. B. Harris, Superintendent, Receives Same For School—Good Crowd Present.

At a Memorial Service at the Franklinton School, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cannady Vann, late of Franklinton, and in whose memory a bronze tablet was to be unveiled and presented, on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, at three o'clock, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, made an interesting and impressive address in memory of these two people, who were being honored at this service commemorating their lives and service among the people in that community and especially their splendid gift of the magnificent school.

Following the opening hymn, "How Firm a Foundation", Rev. C. L. Reed, pastor of the Methodist Church of Franklinton read the scripture taken from the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, telling of the preference of charity or love. Prayer was led by Rev. R. L. Randolph, of the Franklinton Baptist Church. Immediately preceding the address, Miss Helen Stoneham rendered a beautiful solo, "It Is My Home".

Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, being introduced by Superintendent G. B. Harris of the Franklinton School, who acted as chairman of the occasion, addressed the audience very impressively on the life of Mr. and Mrs. Vann and the lessons their lives and deeds should teach. Upon his introduction he emphasized that the purpose of the service was not to receive anything from this man but to express the feelings of the community to this man and pay tribute to him. The tablet to be presented was expressive of the attitude of the people for the future of the community for years to come.

Mr. Brummitt then recalled briefly the life of Samuel Cannady Vann, who was a native of South Carolina, being born there the son of Alexander R. Vann and Elizabeth Cannady Vann in 1852, receiving at his birth an accumulation of the virtues of his many ancestors as energy, determination, thrift, economy and will, that made him outstanding member of the family or band. In his childhood he passed through the Civil War, too young to take part in the strife and struggle of the battlefield but old enough to experience its horrors and dangers, and then through the period after it, Reconstruction. At the age of fourteen years his parents moved to Forresterville, N. C. where Samuel had access to the Wake Forest College and it was there probably that he created his belief in education and public schools.

Through his characteristics of economy, thrift, energetic and hard work, Mr. Vann became a man of means with his will he became a man both of will and means to give to the community, which he did in many ways and through many things.

As a result of his theories of economy and hard work, and his creation of various businesses in which he practiced them, Mr. Vann at his death in 1924 ranked as one of the great leaders, bankers, financiers of North Carolina. But, since his death, Mr. Brummitt stated, there has been made a new world with new theories and conceptions. One in which instead of everybody working hard the work has to be partitioned out to the people. One in which the old theory of not spending the money but saving it has been replaced with the theory of spending to keep money in circulation. But, the speaker remarked, this man, Mr. Vann, did not live his life and reap his success by these theories. He believed that one must work and one must save.

Concerning his great gift to the people and children of Franklinton, the magnificent school building, Mr. Brummitt stated that the building itself and its purpose expressed the man who gave it. It revealed that he believed in the necessity of education in childhood and that he meant for Franklinton Township to lean on that in their future. He sincerely believed in the education of children.

He was a man of faith, loyalty, kindness and mercy. His material wealth did not impair his friendship with the less fortunate in that line. He was a friend to children, those in his employ and everyone.

It was the speaker's belief that a good deal of his success and work was made possible and urged forward by his homelife and his companion, Mrs. Vann, who was a guiding force in his life.

These two people, great and greatly loved in their active life still go on in their community in the things they have done and the things that they stood for and believed in.

Following Mr. Brummitt's address, (Continued on Page Five)

## TO SETTLE SEABOARD TAXES

COMMISSIONERS RESTRAINED FROM SELLING BONDS

To Clean Up Jail Hill—Recommends Road Be Added To System—Many Reports Made—J. W. Perry Takes Oath as Cotton Weigher For Louisburg—Receipts From Offices.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving minutes of previous meetings business was transacted as follows:

A petition was presented to the Board by J. O. Sledge and others asking the Board to approve the adoption of a recommendation that the road leading from Cedar Rock Church to Dicken's Store be taken over by the State. The Attorney was instructed to make such recommendations in proper legal form.

Harris Brothers, of Henderson, was allowed a draw back for taxes paid, on the excess acreage of their land in Gold Mine township as listed and the County Accountant was instructed to correct the acreage for 1931.

The County Accountant was instructed to investigate the question of rents for County property in town and make collection if possible.

The segregation of property of S. J. Perry in Harris township was authorized.

Ed Collins was before the Board and paid the rents for the old County Home property for 1931.

On motion W. T. Moss was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

E. F. Griffin was before the Board with a proposition from the Seaboard Air Line Railway proposing they would pay the 1930 tax if the interest and penalty were taken off. In view of the fact that the railroad is in the hands of Receivers the Board accepted the proposition provided the payment is made on or before December 14, 1931.

A refund of \$1.00 was made to H. P. Johnson—error in dog tax.

A motion prevailed allowing J. A. Speagle, a disabled ex-soldier, to sell extracts, soaps, etc., in Franklin County without a peddler's license.

A motion prevailed allowing temporary aid in the discretion of the Welfare officer, to Mrs. J. A. Smith, whose husband is in jail.

The Health officer reported the jail hill in bad sanitary condition and recommended the under growth be cut and the old building removed. The Board agreed to look into this at once.

W. H. Wall, of Wake County was before the Board asking pay for five sheep killed in Franklin County on December 2. Chairman Moss was appointed a committee to make investigation and report to Board.

The County Accountant was authorized to put the Abby Ingram land in Sandy Creek township on the tax books for five years back.

Regarding the O. Z. Edwards property consisting of 174 acres a motion prevailed authorizing the release of 114 acres and the institution of a suit against the 60 acres and to make proper changes in the certificates.

The Board appointed a committee of Hill Yarborough, W. R. Perry, and W. N. Fuller, to work with K. L. Burton in making collections on the County's collateral now at the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

A motion prevailed allowing K. L. Burton to turn over to the County Accountant all money collected for the County as it is collected.

The tax sale certificate for 1928 against C. F. Best land held by W. N. Fuller, was taken over by the County because the County held certificates for 1927 and 1929.

Upon motion G. L. Cooke was employed for the month of December to check up on tax suits and the sale of land for tax.

\$12.50 was allowed as a donation to the children's Home Society of Greensboro.

Report of E. C. Perry Superintendent of Welfare, was received and filed. He reports handling five juvenile cases and eleven adult cases during November.

The several officers in the Court house reported receipts as follows: Clerk of Court \$592, Register of Deeds \$147.35, Taxes collected were as follows: 1929—\$2,749.68; 1930—\$10,612.84; 1931—\$24,520.95.

Report of Superintendent John Hedgepeth, of the County Home, was received and filed. He reports 17 colored and 12 white inmates.

The reports of Miss Anne Benson Priest, Home Agent, and Dr. R. F. Yarborough, County Health officer, were received and filed.

J. W. Perry was before the Board and sworn in as cotton weigher for Louisburg.

A summons was served upon the Board restraining them from selling the \$150,000 worth of bonds as advertised. The summons was returnable before His Honor Judge W. L. Small at Raleigh on Dec. 17th.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

You may have unwelcome guests occasionally, but none compares to Mr. Static and family.

## UNUSUAL WELFARE MEETING

DR. NELSON MAKES MAIN ADDRESS

Address of Welcome Delivered by Mayor L. L. Joyner and President Wilcox—Louisburg College Glee Club Renders Selections—Rep. W. L. Lumpkin Speaks—Others Address Meeting—Dr. J. B. Davis Presides.

To a Court house filled to overflowing the Franklin County Colored Welfare Association presented a most interesting program at its regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon.

The meeting was opened with America sung by the Louisburg College Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Theo Wooten McCullers the audience joining in the last verse upon request. Following this the Glee Club presented in a masterful rendition "Oh! Come All Ye Faithful" to the delight of the large crowd.

Invocation was pronounced by Prof. G. C. Pollard and Mrs. Jeannette Sills gave a brief resume of the activities of the organization. Her report showed the organization had dispensed over \$400, 699 garments and had investigated 710 cases; and that the colored teachers on Saturday had donated \$49.10.

"Swing Low Sweet Chariot" was rendered by pupils of the Louisburg colored Graded School.

Mayor L. L. Joyner delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the Town, showing that a splendid understanding and co-operative spirit existed between the races here.

President A. D. Wilcox, of Louisburg College made the welcome address in behalf of the educational institutions of the town, in which he paid quite a compliment to the leadership and members of the colored race here and their organization and its work.

Immediately preceding the address of the day by Dr. Wm. Stuart Nelson, President of Shaw University, of Raleigh, an institution of higher education for colored people, Lena Williams rendered a solo. Dr. Nelson's address was built around the importance of certain aspects of welfare work.

First, he said, Welfare work affords opportunity of the truest expression of Christian ideal. He took the position that the fact that one claimed to be a Christian and attended religious worship was not sufficient to say that he was actually a Christian. It takes deeds, right living and the acts of helping the needy to build up true Christian character. Second, he said that Welfare activity serves as a unifying agent in our social life. He pictured the present world conditions, with delightful seasons and wonderful sails to give us riches and food, yet we suffer, encourage differences and fight. He points to the Welfare work as a great harmonizer of social and commercial differences. The speaker's third theme was that Welfare work helps to unite the individual, illustrating by pointing out that the speed of living at the present time is such a strain on one's system that it is breaking one down, physically, mentally and financially; that occupying ourselves with a well arranged and aggressive Welfare program will take our minds off ourselves and our conditions.

Regardless of how terrible the world is today the speaker saw a great progress being made, the greatest influence of which he declared is leading to the ideal of Jesus Christ.

The address was well prepared, well delivered and appreciated by all.

Representative W. L. Lumpkin responded to the address in his usual happy style, feeling that all would get a great and lasting benefit from the ideas expressed. He complimented the organization for the great work it has been doing.

G. C. Shaw, President of Mary Potter school at Oxford spoke very feelingly of his old home, Louisburg, and with much interest and enthusiasm in the work being done by his race here. He took the position that this meeting was a challenge to the church and the church must accept the challenge.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. B. Davis president of the association, who introduced a number of prominent persons present and a neat collection was taken at the end of a most enjoyable program.

### SUNDAY CHARITY SHOW

The Louisburg Theatre will present CHARLES FARRELL in "HEART BREAK" on Sunday afternoon and night in the interest of Charity. A large crowd attended the shows last Sunday and the local Manager informs the TIMES the program Sunday will be a great deal better than last week. The proceeds from these Sunday shows is given to Charity.



JOSIAH WILLIAM BAILEY

Senator Josiah William Bailey was sworn in Monday in the presence of a large party of relatives and friends; no attempt was made to prevent him from taking his seat.

### New Speaker of House



JOHN NANCE GARNER

Representative John Nance Garner, of Texas, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives Monday with a decisive majority, and the Democrats have adopted a liberalized set of rules governing the debate and actions of Congress, a condition that has not existed in a decade.

## 72nd CONGRESS CONVENES

BAILEY SWORN IN AS SENATOR

Representative John Nance Garner, of Texas, Elected Speaker of the House—Adopt Liberalized Rules—Receives President's Message.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Hoover laid his economic reconstruction program before Congress today, coupled with a request for a two-year tax increase.

The cornerstone of his economic program was a proposed reconstruction corporation to advance credit to business and agriculture, following the model of the War Finance Corporation.

Details of his tax increase plan are to be presented tomorrow. But he appealed to Congress and the country to face courageously the necessity of shouldering temporary additional taxes because of the shrinkage of revenue during the depression.

The administration program was outlined in President Hoover's annual message, read to both houses of Congress today. It was the first of six messages he will send to Congress.

### Reconstruction Plan

Immediately afterward Senator Frederic Walcott, Republican, of Connecticut, and Representative James G. Strong, Republican, of Arkansas, presented bills for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The government would subscribe \$500,000,000. It would have authority to issue up to \$1,500,000,000 in debentures or other obligations.

The President's program went into the lap of a closely-divided Congress, in which the House is controlled outright by Democrats. Therefore, its fate will remain in doubt for some time.

Republicans commented favorably on the constructive features of the message. Democrats were critical, chiefly of the fact that the proposed tax increase would, so far as incomes are concerned, be levied against earnings of 1931, since the taxes to be paid next year are based on the income of the previous calendar year. Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat, of active legislation.

### Both Houses Busy

Other business looking to formal organization of both houses prevented an immediate start on Mr. Hoover's program. The Senate tied itself into a knot over the re-election of Senator George H. Moses, Republican, of New Hampshire, as president pro tem, and had to adjourn still deadlocked. The House spent its time on adoption of new liberalized rules. Mr. Hoover's proposal for a tax increase brought from the two most powerful fiscal leaders of the Democrats definite hints that no increased taxes on this year's incomes would be permitted. Speaker Garner refused to comment, smilingly noting: "We'll have six months to study that." The tax bill would have to be passed by March 15 if made applicable to 1931 incomes. Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, said it was "indefensible" for the President to propose increased taxes for 1931.

### Debate at College

Saturday night at 8:30 in the college social hall a debating team composed of Ben T. Holden and Myrtle Mitchell meets a team from Campbell College on the proposition that Congress should enact a non-contributory old age pension law. At the same time at Campbell College Louise Tunstall and Iselene Wells will uphold the Negative side of the question.

This year Louisburg College meets State College, University of North Carolina, and Wingate College. All debates so far scheduled will be debated on both sides of the question.

## At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Dec. 12th:

Saturday, Dec. 12—Bob Custer as "Quick Trigger Lee," also Mystery Trooper" No. 7 and Comedy "The Kick Off."

Sunday, Dec. 13—Charles Farrell in "Heartbreak" with Madge Evans and Hardie Albright. Matinee 2:30 Night 8:35. (Proceeds to Charity).

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14-15—Lawrence Tibbett in "The Cuban Love Song" with Lupe Valez and Ernest Torrence.

Wednesday, Dec. 16—(Bargain Day)—Edmund Lowe in "Transatlantic" with Lois Moran and Jean Hersholt.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17-18—"Touchdown" with Richard Arlen, Peggy Shannon, Regis Toomey and Jack Oakie. The best football picture of the season.

Saturday, Dec. 19—Tom Tyler as "A Rider of The Plains" also "Mystery Trooper" No. 8 and Metro-Goldwyn Comedy.

## TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

Fees Set For Attorney in Tax Suits—To Close Businesses After Midnight—T. K. Allen Allowed To Move Machine.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session Tuesday night upon roll call all members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. T. K. Allen requested the Board to permit him to remove a South Bend Lathe from the shop of the Allen Machine Company. Mr. Allen stated to the Board that this particular piece of property was his own property and did not belong to T. K. Allen, and that sufficient machinery and tools would be left with which to pay all taxes due on the property of L. L. Allen. Mr. Allen's request was disposed of by the following motion:

"That Mr. T. K. Allen be permitted to move a South Bend Lathe 24" x 16" from the shop of the Allen Machine Company."

A motion prevailed adopting a Town Ordinance requiring all businesses for profit in Louisburg to remain closed between midnight and 5 A. M. each night.

The Clerk advised the Board that Fire Chief J. S. Howell requests the purchase of 250 feet of Paragon Fire Hose, and two nozzles, which items the Fire Department is badly in need of. The purchase of these supplies was deferred for further consideration by the Board.

The Board ruled that the following attorney fees for tax foreclosure suits shall be allowed in the future to the Town Attorney:

A fee of \$5.00 shall be paid to him for each certificate of sale delivered to him by the Town of Louisburg at the time of its delivery, and an additional fee of \$5.00 shall be paid to him when the amount due upon any tax certificate so delivered to him, has been paid by the owner of the land, or when the land has been sold and purchased and paid for by any party other than the Town, or when the Town shall have become the purchaser and received a deed for the land. The Town Attorney shall be paid for all foreclosure suits now pending which have not been ended by a sale of the property and the delivery of the deed, a fee of \$7.50 for each of such suits.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

## Lieut. Gov. Fountain To Speak

Lieut. Gov. R. T. Fountain is to be the speaker at the regular Friday evening luncheon of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club tonight. His theme will be along some phase of the tax question and a splendid program is being arranged. All members are urged to attend.

## Delightful Program

A delightful program on Elizabeth Barrett Browning was enjoyed by the members of the Current Literature Club on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. McM. Ferguson being hostess.

The following program was given: Paper: Elizabeth Barrett—Miss Anne Jenson; The Love Story—Mrs. T. K. Allen, read by Miss Lily Letton; Review of "Aurora Leigh"—Mrs. J. M. Allen. The club was favored with two vocal solos "Over The High Hills" and "Sweet Phyllis" by Mrs. Theo Wooten McCullers; and also by a piano solo, "Sea Gardens"—Cooke, by Miss Jane Gully.

At the conclusion of the program, refreshments were served in two courses.

Guests of the evening were Mrs. Hortense Wood, Mrs. McCullers and Miss Gully.

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## COMMISSIONERS RESTRAINED

From Issuing Bonds—Summons Served Monday—Hearing To Be Held in Raleigh Dec. 17th Before Judge Small.

The Board of County Commissioners were served with a summons by Sheriff F. W. Justice Monday afternoon temporarily restraining them from issuing and selling \$200,000 or less of bonds of Franklin County.

The summons was signed by Hon. Walter L. Small, Judge presiding, and adding Wake Superior Court, in Raleigh and was made returnable before him on Thursday, December 17th, 1931 at 3 o'clock, p. m.

The summons was issued upon a petition signed by J. H. Fuller, in his own behalf and other tax payers of Franklin County who may desire to join with him against the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Franklin and W. T. Moss, W. R. Perry, H. P. Speed, W. A. Jones and T. S. Dean as members of said Board, T. Mortimer Harris, clerk of said Board, and the Local Government Commission of North Carolina, and Charles M. Johnson, Director of Local Government Commission of North Carolina. The complaint sets out in part that the defendants "threaten to issue certain funding bonds for and in behalf of said County, being \$200,000.00 funding bonds to be dated \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of funding, redeeming and paying a like amount of indebtedness created by said County for its current expenses, which are not necessary or special expenses, without enumeration of any particular purposes for which such indebtedness was created, the same being evidenced by tax anticipation notes of said County now outstanding, and to cause such bonds to recite on their face that they and the interests thereon are payable from an unlimited ad valorem tax upon all taxable property of said County or from an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property of said County sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as therein provided which tax would exceed the constitutional limitations for which such tax may be levied."

Another section of the complaint reduces the amount of bonds threatened to be issued to \$150,000.00 and other sections set out other technical details tending to show the bonds would not be regular, legal and should not be issued.

A bond of \$500 was required in this case and was signed by J. T. Mann, of Harris township.

This is the suit growing out of the activities of the Franklin County Tax Relief Association and the plaintiffs are represented by Victor Bryan, an attorney of Durham.

The Commissioners have not perfected their defense but we understand they will hold a special or adjourned meeting tonight when this question will probably be arranged.

## New Cherries In December

Mrs. P. G. Murphy, of Gupton sent in some new cherries this week gathered from her tree the past week. This was the second crop produced from the second crop produced from the third crop of blooms this year, the second crop of blooms producing no fruit. They were perfect specimen and appeared to be as good as the first crop.

### FIDDLER'S CONVENTION

The P. T. A. of Justice will sponsor a Fiddler's Convention and Doll Party at their school on December 15th at 7:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be used in their work during the year.

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