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## AUDITORS RE- PORT ERRORS

### REGISTER OF DEEDS FORD MAKES STATE- MENT

#### Commissioners Hold Two Special Meetings; Amount Involved \$97.85 Paid By Ford; Cause of Errors As- signed to Confusion in Moving Office and Re- cords and Heavy Rushes Of Work

The following is a copy of the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners at their two special meetings considering and investigating errors found by audit and a statement from Mr. Ford, Register of Deeds, concerning same:

At a special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, N. C., such called meeting having been duly announced by T. W. Boone, Chairman on Monday, August 2nd, 1937 to be held at 11 a. m. Monday, Aug. 9, in the court house at which meeting all Commissioners were present, the following business was transacted:

Mr. Carl K. Mahler, certified public accountant, representing A. M. Pullen & Co., of Raleigh, made the following report:

"The examination of A. M. Pullen & Co., of the office of the Register of Deeds of Franklin County for the year ending June 30th, 1937 discloses that there were unremitted fees as follows: 1936—July 13, August 10, September 2, October 3, November 5, December 12, 1937—January 13, February 3, March 6, April 3, May 14, June 15, making a total of 99 amounting to \$80.20.

"There were errors in addition of the fee book, as follows: Page 865 \$1.25, 869 20 cents, 873 \$1.25, 875 \$1.00 making a total of 4 amounting to \$3.70.

"The above listed errors represent four separate instruments on the above numbered pages which upon comparison of the original sheets of the fee book with the duplicate sheets of the fee book held by the County Accountant were added to the original fee book after settlement had been made with the general County fund, on June 30th, 1937. These errors are therefore not errors of the County Accountant, but represent additional listings, made by some one in the office of the Register of Deeds, on the original sheets of the fee book.

"There was an error in listing a recording fee as follows: Fee book, page 839, undercharge 60 cents.

"The above unremitted fees totaled \$84.50.

"In addition to the above unremitted fees, the examination disclosed the fact that there were thirteen (13) duplicate recordings of instruments, totaling \$5.60. Applying this credit of \$5.60 against the total of unremitted fees and errors, amounting to \$84.50 the examination revealed that the amount due the County of Franklin by the said office of the Register of Deeds is \$78.90.

"Approximately 8,076 instruments were examined. The procedure was a check the recorded instruments back against the fee book. The open items left on the fee book were verified and traced to their proper credit. All marriage licenses and beer licenses, the fees for which were collected by the Register of Deeds, were accounted for in full in his monthly settlements with the County.

"Full details of each of the above items will be found in the formal report of audit to be filed by A. M. Pullen & Co."

Mr. George W. Ford, Register of Deeds after hearing the report, appeared before the Board and stated that while he had not made any careful check of the items in question, he was satisfied that the items as reported were correct and that they occurred in the due course of business, due to the extremely large amount of work handled by the office. He further stated that he was ready to remit and account for the unremitted fees and errors as reported by the independent auditing concern.

A motion prevailed that settlement for amount due be made by Register of Deeds and final action and recommendation be taken at a meeting to be held Saturday, August 14th, 1937.

A motion prevailed that A. M. Pullen & Co. be instructed to make an audit of the Register of Deeds office for another six months period.

A motion prevailed that audit of A. M. Pullen & Co. for 18 months period ending June 30th, 1937 of W. V. Avent, Clerk Su-

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## THE FAIR

To Be The Biggest Event Held  
In This Part of The State In  
1937

Never before in the history of the Franklin County Fair has so much preparation been made for a fair. The premium list will be off the press August 26th and hundreds of dollars will be offered for things made, grown and bred in Franklin County. The leaders of the 4-H club boys, and the Vocational boys are interested in getting a valuable display at the Fair, and plenty money is offered for the efforts of the boys. It is hoped that some one interested in the 4-H girls may work out some exhibit and premium for this also. The boys shall not carry off all the honors and all the money.

The Fair will be earlier this year and "it won't be long" 'til we have all the joys of the outdoor world right here in our own county and enjoy meeting and rubbing elbows with the fellow we saw last year. It matters not who we are nor where we may have come from there is always something interesting in the shows of the great out-of-doors and young and old we all enjoy them.

The amusement end of the Franklin County Fair is the least of the Fair's aim for each year the management has tried to stress something that will make country and farming conditions in the county better.

Poultry, swine, horse and cattle will be the big feature of the Fair this year and under the guidance and direction of Mr. Boyce, Assistant Farm Agent, his 4-H boys are going to show us good and make their pa's and ma's truly proud of them.

Mr. Wall is also on his toes to show the tax payers that it is really worth while to have that department in our schools and that the vocational boys are interested in building a better Franklin County and making country life more attractive each year. The other vocational teachers are equally interested as was shown from the wonderful exhibits put on at the fair last year.

Cattle, sheep, horses, swine and poultry are to be featured at the Fair this year and the thousands of country people who attend will see what they get for their taxes that go for farm agents and vocational teachers. The Secretary is doing all possible to make the stay at the Fair a real pleasure and the best and biggest carnival, O. C. Buck's Exposition Shows will be on the midway and interesting acts and fireworks will all be seen daily for the amusement of young and old.

Wednesday is School Day and all the school children will be admitted free and on that day will be shown Day-Light Fireworks, the only to be shown in the State. Day-Light Fireworks will be again shown on Saturday which will be School Day for the colored people.

Music and entertainment will be featured each night and climaxed with the drawing for the grand prize in the grand stand.

Everybody is looking forward to Fair week, Franklin County's Holiday.

### BEN ELLINGTON SHOT

Ben Ellington, white, is in a hospital now expected to live and John Raymond Medlin, is in jail awaiting developments in the condition of Ellington, as a result of an altercation near Pearce's in Dunn township on Sunday night, in which Ellington was shot with a shot gun by Medlin. The cause of the trouble seems not to have reached Louisburg as yet. Last reports received from Ellington was to the effect that he was still living with very few chances of recovery.

### W. M. S. SOCIAL MEETING

The business and social meeting of the W. M. S. of the Louisburg Baptist Church met Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the assembly hall with the Fannie Heck circle as hostess.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Mac Furgerson.

We were glad to have Mrs. Fortescue, a visitor to lead our devotional for the afternoon.

Reports of the different societies were given. Center circle by Mrs. Hedgepeth, Fannie Heck circle by Mrs. Fowler, and Kenmore circle by Mrs. Wells; Y. W. A. report by Mrs. Simons and Lillian Young; G. A. by Mrs. Selby. The Sunbeam report was not given, due to the absence of the leader.

Personal service, and other matters were taken care of, after which delicious refreshments were served to thirty-four members and visitors in attendance.

Mrs. L. B. Eisenhart, Mrs. Charles P. Horton, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Charles Bland, of Clover, Va., have returned home after having spent several days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson.

## THE PRESIDENT



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

## PRESIDENT AT MANTEO

Manteo, Aug. 18.—Franklin D. Roosevelt brought to this island today all the buoyant magnetism that vibrates in his voice and in his smile, and with it he entranced fifteen thousand people who came here to celebrate with him the beginnings of the American nation, and that done, he got out a small vial of vitriol and generously sprinkled the United States Chamber of Commerce and lesser beings whose vision has become myopic.

Here he rededicated himself and this nation to the fundamental of a government by majorities for majorities, the simple fundamental that brought a handful of men and women to this island 350 years ago, and tonight he witnessed the vivid re-invoication of the dream of a lost colony, a dream he had himself as vividly brought into a new life from the platform a few hours earlier.

### Air of Seriousness

There was something sober, not quite grim, in his smile, when the ship brought him to the dock here and he looked up and smiled at the first of the throngs that greeted him, that crowded close down to the water's edge, to welcome him, and climbed as high as there were roofs to climb on the better to see him. On the platform from which he spoke, there was still that air of seriousness about him.

Among all the notable days that this island has remembrance of there has never been a day like this. It was a new one for the book of days on Roanoke Island. It was notable anyway anybody looked at it. All the records tumbled down, in a heap. Here was the President himself, drawing up to a tumbled gasoline dock, and waving—well, cordially. That in itself would be enough.

### Gathering of Notables

But it was just a starter. Not three minutes after the Pres-

### Focus on President

Not, of course, that the Island and its 14,500 guests were inhospitable to any of them, in that they were not paid much notice. Notice was to the President: He was the center, and wherever he moved through the throng, there arose a tumult. The islanders, and those who were islanders for the day, called out to the President, as if he were one of them. In so far as the island was concerned today, the President went native. It is a local and inescapable custom.

The President's first words to an islander were for Bradford Pearing, and they were picked up and relayed back and across the crowd until, a little later when they drove through the massed thousands, people along the route to old Fort Raleigh knew all about it. Colonel Gordon Smith, as aide-in-chief to Governor Clyde R. Hoey, took Pearing aboard the boat and presented him.—News-Observer.

## Louisburg College Prepares For Fall Opening

Louisburg College anticipates a record number of students for the coming year. Three hundred and thirty-five have registered to date. That is forty-four more than the registration for last year. An average of three registrations a day is coming in at the present time. The College anticipates some over three hundred and fifty total registration for the coming session.

Though the number is larger than former registrations, still the College has observed a degree of selection in canvassing these students. For the most part the visiting committees have confined themselves to those students who were recommended by their pastors.

### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Due to the fact that Mr. Harris will preach at St. James in Kirtland Sunday morning the only services at St. Paul's will be Church School at 10 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, of Washington, D. C., visited relatives in Louisburg this week.

Mrs. W. O. Lee and children, of Lumberton, are visiting relatives in Louisburg this week.

## Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held a short session on Tuesday and disposed of several cases as follows:

Wyatt W. Pace was found not guilty of assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons.

Wyatt W. Pace was found guilty of cruelty to animals and carrying concealed weapons, to be discharged upon payment of costs. Plummer Marshburn was found guilty of larceny and given 3 months in jail with leave Commissioners to hire out, to pay costs.

George Peace was found guilty of abandonment and non-support, and was given 4 months on roads. Upon payment of costs and \$5.00 per week for wife and children, giving \$100 bond to show faithful performance and appearance at October court, the execution of the road sentence is not to issue until further orders of this court.

B. Griffin, operating automobile intoxicated, continued.

Will Davis, violating automobile law, continued under former order.

On Friday of last week Franklin Recorder's Court held session for jury cases, and disposed of the following docket. Other jury cases were in process of trial yesterday.

Clark Roberts was found guilty by a jury of operating an automobile intoxicated and given 60 days on roads, to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. Appeal.

Robert Eberidge was found guilty by a jury of operating an automobile intoxicated and given 4 months on roads, not to operate a car for 12 months. Appeal.

Mann Johnson was found guilty by a jury of possession of non-tax liquor and unlawful possession of liquor for purpose of sale, and given 3 months on roads. Appeal.

Arch Radford was found guilty by a jury of unlawful possession of whiskey, prayer for judgment was continued.

The following cases were continued to Thursday:

Agnes Henderson, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Lena Henderson, unlawful possession of whiskey.

James Barnett, unlawful possession of whiskey and sale of whiskey.

### FUNERAL RITES CONDUCTED FOR GEO. W. CONWAY

Canton, Aug. 5.—(Special)—Funeral services were held at the J. M. Wells funeral home chapel here Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock for George W. Conway, 79, a resident of Canton for more than a half a century, who died in the Waynesville hospital Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Rev. George Bradley Hammond, pastor of the Canton First Presbyterian church, officiated. Burial was in Locustfield cemetery here.

Active pall-bearers were: J. T. Bailey, H. A. Osborne, Dick Setzer, Frank M. Byers, Jack May, Earl Tate, Clyde A. Hildebrand and Love A. Coman.

A native of Louisburg, N. C., Mr. Conway came to Canton more than 50 years ago. He was employed for a number of years by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company. During this time he took an active part in civic and religious activities in Canton, being a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Death was due to injuries received when he fell last Saturday at his home in the Fibreville section of Canton, fracturing his hip.

He is survived by his only child, Miss Mary Conway, an employee of the finishing area of the Canton division of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company; two sisters, Mrs. Bettie Mullen, of Pine Ridge, and Mrs. Willie Shearin, of Louisburg, and a brother, Jim Conway, of Durham. His wife died here in December, 1928.

Mr. Conway was raised in Louisburg leaving here about 35 years ago.

Mr. D. F. McKinne left Wednesday for a trip to Virginia.

## Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Aug. 21:

Saturday—Double Feature—Bob Steele in "Lightning Crandall" and Rosalind Keith in "Criminals of the Air." Also "Dick Tracy" No. 6, and Comedy.

Sunday—Claudette Colbert and Melvyn Douglas in "I Met Him in Paris."

Monday—Jane Wyman, in "Public Wedding."

Tuesday—"Make Way For Tomorrow." Liberty 4 Star Picture.

Wednesday—Chester Morris in "Flight From Glory."

Thursday—Friday—Joe Penner, Harriet Hilliard, Parkyakarkus and Milton Berle in "New Faces of 1937."

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 9th

### Free School Text Book For This Year Explained

The Mills School will open Sept. 9th at 8:45 and a full program is planned for the first day. Lunches will be served at the cafeteria beginning on the 9th.

The State is furnishing free text books for the first seven grades, but the high school pupils will rent or buy their books as they have done heretofore. Supplementary readers for the elementary school are not furnished free by the State, but the pupils will rent them. During the year each pupil must read five readers, two basal readers furnished free by the State, and three supplementary readers must be rented. The rental fee for these three books is only fifty cents for the year, grades 1 to 3. Grades four and five 60 cents, and 70 cents per pupil in grades six and seven.

This year George Reade Home Economics will be added to the school with Miss Katherine Rogers devoting all of her time to that subject. Another year in this course will be added, which will give the girls an opportunity to do some advanced work. Miss Rogers is employed for ten months in the year and will work with the girls in their homes during these ten months. The school is fortunate in having this additional service in the Home Economics Department. It is hoped that this department will be greatly expanded and improved during the year.

There will be a number of changes in the faculty this year. Mr. Brown expects to study at the University of North Carolina next year, Miss Bradley will go to the State Appalachian Teachers College, while Miss Patterson expects to teach in Chapel Hill, N. C. Miss Martha Scoville of Greenville, N. C., and a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College will take the work that Mr. Brown had last year. Mrs. R. G. Bailey has been transferred to the high school department where she will teach Algebra, English, and Geography. Mrs. Bailey will also teach Public School Music as far as time will permit. A new course in mathematics is added to the eleventh grade and will be taught by Mr. Huggins. The two vacancies in the Grammar grades will be filled by Miss Adelaide Johnson, who taught in Nash County last year, and Miss Camille Swindell, of Fairfield, N. C., a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College. Miss Gertrude Winston, of Youngsville, N. C., will have a grade in the Primary Department.

The Text books will be on hand and ready for distribution the first day.

### ALLEN-PRUITT

Miss Grace Pruitt became the bride of Karl Kleber Allen Wednesday morning, August 11. The wedding took place in the Louisburg Baptist Church, and the officiating minister was the Rev. Dr. J. D. Simmons. Only the immediate families were present.

The maid of honor, Miss Rosalie Pruitt, was first to enter. She wore a black and white chiffon costume, fashioned along princess lines, with fitted waist, and white lace jacket. Her hat was a large white-brimmed straw, and her flowers were a shoulder corsage of Tellman roses.

Miss Cora Anne Kearney, of Franklinton, was the ring-bearer. She preceded the bride, wearing a frock of white organdy and lace, she carried the ring in a lily.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her brother, Mand Pruitt. She was attired in a brown costume trimmed with white, and her hat and accessories were of white. She wore a shoulder corsage of valley lilies and Killarney roses.

The bridegroom was attended by his best man, his brother, P. S. Allen.

The vows were spoken before a background of palms, ferns, lilies and white gladioli. During the services, Mrs. H. J. Lewis played the organ softly. The bridal chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin" was used as the processional, and the wedding march from Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" was the recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Allen left for a wedding trip to unannounced points. Upon their return, they will make their home in Louisburg.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pruitt of Louisburg. She received her education at Meredith College, Raleigh. The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Allen of Louisburg. He was educated at Wake Forest College, and is engaged in business in Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boone and daughter, Miss Frances, visited Durham Sunday to meet Misses Athlea Boone and Rose Malone who had been visiting Miss Virginia Poyatt, at Liberty.



Washington, Aug. 18.—Members of Congress, packing their bags and getting ready to start home, are giving more thought to the job ahead of them when they return for another session than to what they did at this sitting. Only a small fraction of the President's recommendations have been acted upon at all, the one upon which he was most insistent negatively.

Before acting on the ones left over, the preponderant feeling in Congress is that they ought to be studied and debated with great care, and when the members are not physically worn out, as so many of them actually are now.

Besides the last-minute laws enacted after the Supreme Court issue was settled, the record of the 75th Congress so far is not impressive. It adopted 55 resolutions and passed about 250 new laws, few of which are of any great public concern.

The most noteworthy laws and resolutions include the following:

Prohibiting the export of arms to Spain. Creating a commission on the reorganization of the government. Extending for two years the United States' guarantee of Federal Housing Administration debentures. Amending the excise tax levy on carriers and the income tax levy on their employees. Extending the President's tariff powers. Deferring the time-limit for filing certain kinds of income tax returns. Providing for a national gallery of art. Appropriating for the elimination of insect pests.

The new Neutrality, or War Policy Act. Providing loans for flood sufferers. Setting up funds for old-age assistance. Creating the joint committee on tax evasion. The Relief Act, appropriating 1,500 millions. Extending the nuisance taxes. Providing funds for the New York World's Fair. And appropriating some more for insect pests.

Prolonging the President's monetary powers. Continuing the functions of the RFC. Arranging for crop and harvesting loans. Continuing direct obligations of the United States as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes. Providing for retirement of Supreme Court justices. Amending the Federal Housing Act. The Guffey-Vinson Coal Act. The District of Columbia "red rider" repeal. Reenacting the AAA's marketing agreements. The Railroad Pensions Act. Extending the CCC. Passing the Farm Loan Interest Act (over veto). The Farm Tenancy Act, and most of the appropriation bills.

Tax Revision Next Session

Hanging over, for consideration on and after January 3, 1938, are many highly important subjects upon which legislation has been requested by the White House, or upon the necessity of which there is general agreement.

First in the minds of Senators and Representatives is a broad program of tax revision. Into this subject enter so many questions of public policy, as well as of politics, that its consideration may well take many weeks of Congressional time.

The Administration is pressing for the program of reorganization of Federal departments and bureaus. Congress does not like the President's plan, and will wait for the report of its own special Commission on the subject.

That further laws for the regulation of industry, under government supervision, coming as closely as possible to the N.R.A., will be pressed upon Congress, is considered certain. A beginning toward the objective of Government regulation is the Wages-and-Hours Bill, enabling a Federal commission to fix minimum wages of not less than 40 cents an hour and maximum hours of not more than 40 a week, in any industry, under penalty of not permitting its products to be shipped in interstate commerce.

Budget Deficit Grows

One of the laws which the present session passed without attracting much attention is the Miller-Tydings Resale Price Maintenance Act. It was tacked on as a "rider" to the District of Columbia tax bill. The President had criticized it in principle, but his son and secretary, James Roosevelt, persuaded enough members to get it enacted. The new law permits manufacturers to fix the retail price at which their product must be sold, and penalizes dealers who cut prices.

One of the things which this expiring session of Congress did not do was to reduce the budget deficit. The brave talk of economy with which the session began, was entirely forgotten, and the budget deficit was increased instead of diminished, making further borrowing by the Treasury inescapable.

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