

## PROTEST ROAD LOCATION

### TO ISSUE BONDS FOR SCHOOL ADDITION

The "Turn Over" of County Accountant's Office Consummated; Many Reports Received; Sells Hotel at Franklinton To Town; Meet Again April 17th

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After the opening formalities business was transacted as follows:

Reports from the following officers were received and ordered filed: Supt. E. R. Richardson, County Home; Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer; Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, Welfare Officer; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent; W. C. Boyce, and — Barnes, County Agents.

The Board ordered that no checks upon any funds of the County be issued without the signature of the Chairman and Clerk to the Board and recorded upon the Minutes of the Board.

The Bond of B. N. Williamson, Jr., County Accountant, was accepted and filed and he was installed into his office. The official checking in and out was made.

Upon order properly drawn the hotel building at Franklinton was sold to the town of Franklinton at a price of \$750 and accrued rents, and upon condition that the property would be listed on tax books at \$2,500.00.

The Board passed proper resolutions to issue and sell \$10,000.00 in bonds, the proceeds from which to be used for erecting four class rooms at Epsom School, in keeping with resolutions and requests from the Board of Education.

The Board received and approved requests for road maintenance in the following townships: Cedar Rock, Louisburg and Hayesville.

Larry Tant and Alonza Hagwood were placed on outside pauper list.

The Board authorized and ordered a letter of protest mailed to Highway Commissioner T. Boddie Ward, protesting the location of the road from Duke Memorial Church by Jackson's Mill to Mapleville and asking that it be changed to the location formerly agreed to from Duke Memorial Church to Edward Best School.

The following letters relative to the turn-over of the County Accountant's office were exchanged:

Final Report of W. N. Fuller, County Accountant

Louisburg, N. C., April 3, 1939. To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Gentlemen:

As you already know, my term of office expires today. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you and also the members of the other boards whom you have succeeded with whom I have had the pleasure of working, for the consideration and confidence you had in me in appointing me as your accountant and tax supervisor.

I have done my best at all times to carry out your wishes and of course I have made some mistakes, some errors in judgment, but Franklin County and the welfare of our people has been first of all in my heart and mind and I think we should feel proud of the progress we have made in the past few years. According to statistics 82% of all the counties in North Carolina defaulted in the payment of their indebtedness during the depression. Franklin County never defaulted in the payment of interest or principal at anytime during my administration. It has been my policy to reduce the indebtedness of the County at all times and at no time during my administration has the County increased its indebtedness by a bond issue or by tax anticipation notes.

The greatest burden on the taxpayers of Franklin County is the payment of interest on the indebtedness of the County, which now amounts to 62 1/2% of the present levy. The only way to be relieved of this burden is to reduce the County indebtedness, which I most highly recommend. We have paid all our current bills without delay, we have paid all interest and all bonds falling due without default and we have reduced the debt of the County more than \$350,000.00. In 1931 the amount of our annual tax levy was \$239,740.14. This amount has been reduced each year until 1938 shows an annual levy of only \$167,734.95, this amounting to a reduction in the tax rate of approximately 30%, besides a reduction of 20% in the assessment on real estate.

We rebuilt and refurbished the Court House and paid cash for same without borrowing anything.

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## RETIRING AUDITOR



W. N. FULLER  
Franklin County's efficient Auditor for the past seven and a half years, who retired Monday.

## W. E. Fenner Boosted For Governor

An informal endorsement of Representative William E. Fenner, of Nash County as candidate for Governor in 1940 was given Thursday night at a chicken dinner attended by a large group of legislators.

Following his endorsement, Fenner was called in to deliver a talk in which he declared that if he runs, his first plank will be economy.

Fenner was a candidate for the House speakership this session, but withdrew and threw his support behind A. D. (Libby) Ward, of New Bern, who is also being mentioned for Governor.

Ward won the speakership and appointed Fenner chairman of the House finance committee and several times has designated him as acting speaker of the House.

Political observers are of the opinion that both may run for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year, and the possibility of Lt. Gov. W. P. Horton entering the race is also being discussed.

Others mentioned as possible candidates for the Governor's chair are Senator Lee L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount; J. M. Broughton, Raleigh lawyer; and A. J. Maxwell, State Revenue Commissioner. —Raleigh Times.

## KIWANIS MEETS

The Louisburg Kiwanis Club held their regular weekly meeting at the Franklin Hotel last Tuesday evening with Mr. W. C. Strowd, Vice President, acting as President in the absence of President Ed Earnhardt.

After partaking of a very delicious chicken supper the members adjourned to the hall where they enjoyed a very delightful program.

Miss Eunice Collins of the Louisburg College student body rendered several beautiful musical selections, among which were "Deep Purple." She was accompanied by Miss Edith Dixon also of the college student body.

After this Kiwanian Gaither Beam presented Mr. Jack Matthews and Dr. A. Paul Bagby who gave a very interesting debate of the question of "The boys of forty years ago had a better time than the boys of today."

After this the meeting adjourned until next Tuesday, April 11, at which it is hoped that there will be a one hundred per cent attendance.

Mrs. Florence E. Underhill left Monday to visit relatives in Elizabeth City.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

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

Saturday — Double Feature — Three Mesquites in "Red River Range" and Frankie Darro in "Tough Kid." Also final chapter of "Hawks of the Wilderness."

Sunday — Douglas (Wrong Way) Corrigan in "The Flying Irishman" with Paul Kelly and Robert Armstrong.

Monday — Richard Green Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce and Wendy Barrie in "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

Tuesday — Mat and Night — The original Home Town movie. Also Sylvia Sydney and Lief Erickson in "One Third of a Nation."

Wednesday — J. Edgar Hoover's "Persons in Hiding" with Patricia Morrison, Lynn Overman, J. Carroll Nash and Judith Barrett.

Thursday-Friday — Shirley Temple in "The Little Princess" with Richard Greene, Anita Louise, Ian Hunter and Cesar Romero.

## NEW AUDITOR



B. N. (Pier) WILLIAMSON, JR.  
Franklin County's new Accountant who took over this important office on Monday.

## Topmost New Laws

### Executive Cites Health, Revenue And Farm Acts

Governor Hoey said Monday he thought the 1939 General Assembly had done "a very constructive" job which would be reflected by "real progress" by the state.

As a "few" of its outstanding contributions he listed:

1. Enactment of a continuing revenue act, "which should be very helpful." It "gives the public some assurance of stability of taxation," said Hoey.

2. Substantial progress in the field of public education by "adequate provision for the normal increase in students, and the normal needs." In addition, he pointed to provisions of extra funds which may be used for either ninth and tenth increments, or salary adjustments on some other basis.

"A very good school machinery act," he said, "gives legislative power for units to add a ninth month, or a 12th grade, and provide vocational education. Funds for vocational and adult education were increased."

3. Provision for wide expansion in public health work through increased funds and three health measures which require physical fitness before marriage, pre-natal blood tests of expectant mothers, and immunization of children against diphtheria.

4. "An agricultural program which very distinctly represents progress," he said, "under which we are going to be able to get a real good man to direct research at the college. A method is provided for adjustment of any differences between the department of Agriculture and the College Extension Service. Funds are made available for Japanese beetle, hog cholera and Bangs Disease work. The Agriculture Department will have funds to encourage marketing and storage facilities and other developments."

5. "An entirely satisfactory Department of Justice," Hoey said was provided, and at a cost of only \$10,000.

6. Election law reform. "The Legislature made very substantial compliance with the public will and mind on election laws," said the governor. "It enacted a very good absentee voting law, and it is one that does not lend itself to abuses. The maker bill is reasonable and is a safeguard against misuse. The substitute for the new registration bill is entirely adequate. It will clear a great deal of dead wood off the books, and more nearly reveal the exact status of voters. It will permit better facility in conducting elections and the names of people who have been long since dead or moved away will be removed."

After a thorough discussion of Mr. Allen's offer, the Board decided to proceed with the construction of the new Armory Building, in view of the fact that it is too late to change the plans and the fact that Mr. Allen's building would in all probability not meet with the Government's requirements and specifications.

The following motion was introduced by F. H. Allen, Jr. and received a second from Mr. J. S. Howell: "That Mr. C. P. Green, County Attorney be instructed to substitute T. K. Stockard, Town Clerk, in lieu of W. N. Fuller, as Trustee on all notes held jointly by the County of Franklin and the Town of Louisburg, N. C. for taxes on certain properties." This motion was carried.

Mr. J. P. Matthews reported to the Board that he is proceeding with twenty-eight tax foreclosure suits, and that he has succeeded in collecting a considerable amount of taxes without taking title to the property.

The Board authorized the purchase of 4,000 two-cent window envelopes and 1,000 three-cent envelopes. The purchase of six electric meters was authorized by the Board.

The Clerk presented a petition from a majority of the property owners abutting on Spring Street to construct concrete sidewalks and to hard surface Spring Street with tar and gravel from East Nash Street to Franklin Street.

The Board adopted the necessary legal resolutions and ordinances to enable it to improve the section of Spring Street as petitioned by the majority of property

## BASE-BALL TO-DAY

Louisburg College will play Ohio Wesleyan University today at the City ball park at 3:30. Louisburg defeated Campbell at Campbell Wednesday, 6-3. And were to have played Oak Ridge yesterday, but as we went to press before this game was over and of course can not give you the outcome of this game. The boys promise you a good game this afternoon with Ohio Wesleyan, who played the Wake Forest varsity yesterday.

## LEASED

Mr. John A. Tucker informs the TIMES that he has leased the Tucker Cafe to David S. Belman, of Roxboro, who will remodel and open a modern eating place. He expects to take charge on May 1st.

## TO BUILD SWIMMING POOL

Orders Improvements On Spring Street; To Construct Sewer Line on Tarboro Street and Kenmore Avenue; Other Matters of Interest

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session, April 4th, at 7:30 P. M., with all members present except W. B. Barrow.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

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

Mr. McKimmon, representing the State Board of Health, and Mr. Heffner, supervising engineer of the W.P.A., appeared before the Board in reference to sanitary conditions in Louisburg. Mr. McKimmon informed the Board that he had made a survey of Louisburg and had found that the Town needs about 15,000 feet of additional sewer lines. Mr. Heffner informed the Board that it could file a W.P.A. Project for all of the needed construction in units, and that the Town could construct any one unit as it was able to finance it. Mr. Heffner stated that the Town would not be obligated to complete all of the units in the project. The Board discussed the proposal but decided that the Town is unable to finance such a comprehensive project.

A motion was passed to proceed with a W.P.A. project for the construction of a sewer line on South Kenmore Avenue and Tarboro Street only. Mayor W. C. Webb and T. K. Stockard were authorized to sign a W.P.A. Project as directed by a special committee composed of Commissioners J. S. Howell, W. J. Cooper and F. H. Allen, Jr.

Mr. H. Clay Mooney proposed to the Board that he and his associates would construct a swimming pool and public park in Louisburg at their expense provided that the Town of Louisburg will furnish the necessary water free of charge for two years together with current for flood lighting the pool and lighting the park free of charge for a period of two years. In return for this free water and current he offered to give to the Board free tickets to be distributed to all underprivileged children in Louisburg, who are not able to pay for swimming privileges.

Mr. J. S. Howell moved that the Board accept Mr. Mooney's offer and that the Town Attorney be instructed to draw up a contract in detail to be entered into by the Board of Town Commissioners and Mr. Mooney and his business associates. This motion was seconded by Mr. W. J. Cooper and was passed unanimously.

Mr. J. M. Allen, Jr. offered to trade to the Town of Louisburg the building that is at present being used temporarily for an Armory Building, for the lots on which the Board plans to build a new Armory Building and \$3,500. Mr. C. P. Green informed the Board that the State and Federal inspectors would not approve the building offered by Mr. Allen because of the fact that it is inadequate and unsuitable, and that in his opinion the Battery would be moved from Louisburg unless acceptable quarters are provided for it.

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## RETURNS



SEN. W. L. LUMPKIN



REP. A. F. JOHNSON

members of the 1939 General Assembly of N. C., returned home Tuesday after the official closing of the Assembly at 2:35 A. M. Tuesday, April 4th.

## LOUISBURG MAKES GOOD SHOWING AT STATE JR. MUSIC FESTIVAL

Misses Maxine Bailey and Talmadge Thomas Receive Superior Ratings

The state finals of the Junior Federated Music Clubs were held at the Woman's College in Greensboro on last Saturday, with 460 children participating, ranging in age from 9 to 18 years. There were originally 612 entrants before the district eliminations were held. There were 34 winners in the finals.

Miss Maxine Bailey received a superior rating on her vocal solo; and Talmadge Thomas received a superior rating on her piano solo.

The winners in the state finals will be honored at the State Convention of N. C. Federation of Music Clubs which will be held in Fayetteville on April 12-15, and will appear on the program on Junior Day, April 15. They will also be awarded their Certificates of Honor on that day.

## EASTER CANTATA

The Easter Cantata, "King Triumphant" by Adams, will be rendered at the Louisburg Methodist Church on Easter Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A choir of twenty voices, composed of the local choir members of the church and students from Louisburg College will present this impressive musical service under the direction of Prof. I. D. Moon, of Louisburg College. Musical accompaniment will be played by Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro, organist.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Dr. A. Paul Bagby To Speak

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at Jackson's Pond near Justice on next Sunday morning. This service is sponsored by Cedar Rock, Duke Memorial and Cypress Chapel Baptist Churches.

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, Pastor of Louisburg Baptist Church will bring the Easter message. A special invitation is extended to all the people of surrounding communities and the people of Louisburg. Come and let us worship him at this early morning hour. It will help us all.

## FIRE ALARMS

The fire alarm Saturday turned out to be an "April Fool." The alarm Monday upon investigation developed a fire at Herbert Fuller's about two miles west of town, where two stacks of hay were burned.

## STORES CLOSE FOR EASTER

As has been the custom in the past, the Bank and Stores of Louisburg will observe a holiday on April 10th for Easter Monday. The Drug Store will close at noon on said date. Also all offices in the Court House, will be closed Easter Monday.

## RESIGNS



D. E. EARNHARDT

## Appoints Committeemen

Board of Education Met Monday and Availed Itself Of the New Law to Stag-ger Members; R. F. Green Qualifies

With R. F. Green presenting his qualification credentials to succeed himself as a member, the Board of Education of Franklin County held its regular session on Monday with all members present.

After arranging a resolution for a loan to build four school rooms at Epsom High School and asking the County for a loan, and the transaction of other routine duties the Board appointed the School Committeemen. In making these appointments it availed itself of the new law which provides for the staggering of the membership of the committees.

The appointments follow with the first named being for three years, the second for two years and the last for one year, except where there are five members instead of three, in which case the first two are for three years, the second two are for two years and the last for one year.

Louisburg: Mrs. J. Y. Beasley, Mrs. W. J. Cooper, J. A. Hodges, Louisburg.

Epsom: Mrs. Opie Frazier, Henderson, R. 1; Ira D. Weldon, W. P. Wilson, Louisburg, R. 3.

Gold: Sand: Glenn Kennedy Mrs. M. M. Person, Louisburg, R. 2; W. D. Fuller, Wood, Creek; Coleman Smith, Louisburg, R. 2; Wilson Dean, Louisburg, R. 3; C. H. Stallings, Spring Hope, R. 2; J. L. Dorsey, Louisburg, R. 4; Mrs. E. V. Stone, Spring Hope, R. 2.

Bunn: John Chamblee, Louisburg, R. 1; Preston Massey, Zebulon, R. 2; Jim Ray, Zebulon, R. 3; Arthur Wiggs, Louisburg, R. 4; C. T. Moody, Zebulon, R. 2.

Youngsville: W. T. Moss, Mrs. Claude Chatham, Charlie Roberts, Youngsville.

## Rainbow Minstrels

The Louisburg Kiwanis Club announces the presentation of the Rainbow Minstrels, with a local cast, to be given at Mills School auditorium on Thursday, April 13th, at 8 o'clock. The Minstrel is under the direction of Mrs. James B. King and the proceeds will be used for Kiwanis objectives. The cast is as follows: Master of Ceremonies—Arthur H. Fleming, Jr.; end men—G. M. Beam, C. M. Watkins, Kemp Yarborough, Hamilton Hobgood, A. C. Hall, Dr. A. Paul Bagby. Music will be furnished by a fifteen piece orchestra, College Music Makers, and the olio will include skits, songs, and dances with a closing with the Chocolate Cream Wedding, including the entire Company. In this last presentation the cast will include, Mrs. H. G. Perry as the bride; Tracy Stockard, as groom; Regina McFarland, as the bride's mother; C. M. Watkins, as the parson; John Tucker, as dynamite; Claude Collins, as pheonous nightshade; Kemp Yarborough, as Frisco Sunshine; Jack Harkins, as maid of honor; A. C. Hall and Joe Harris, as bride's maids; Maxine Bailey, Ann Allen and Bobbie Parrish, as flower girls.

## BETTER HOGS

Seventy swine growers of Johnston County have planned a trip to a packing plant at Richmond so as to study the effects of intestinal parasites, bruises, and feeding practices on the dressed carcasses and to see how the hogs are graded for soft and oily pork.

## LOUISBURG LOSES GREAT PRESIDENT

Earnhardt In Offering Resignation Says He Wishes To Return To Ministry

Louisburg, April 2.—The trustees of Louisburg College received today the resignation of D. E. Earnhardt as president of Louisburg College. The reason stated in the announcement was, the emergency being over, he wished to return to the pastorate. The resignation is to take effect at commencement on May 23. President Earnhardt is approaching the closing of his third scholastic year at Louisburg.

During his administration the college enrollment has increased from 271 to 441; 25 new dormitory rooms have been added to the college equipment; 180 acres of land have been added to the college property; and the establishment of a poultry farm, a dairy farm, and a truck farm have been realized. The academic departments of the college have been reorganized for efficiency, and the business administration has been reshaped for permanency and economy of operation. The salaries of the teachers have been increased 25 percent.

Debt Reduced

The college has been set forward in its relation to other colleges, and its work is now accepted by the other colleges of North Carolina. The college debt has been reduced from \$190,000 to less than \$20,000. Also the college has been fully established in the good will of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist Church.

The board of trustees of the college, composed of Chairman W. A. Cade of Wilmington, Dr. W. K. Green of Duke University, Rev. A. P. Brantley of Sanford, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Hargett, Dr. E. L. Hillman of New Bern, E. H. Malone of Louisburg, W. L. Knight of Weldon, Col. J. W. Jenkins of Henderson, and Rev. W. V. McRae of Fayetteville, will meet in the near future to act upon the resignation of President Earnhardt, and to take under consideration the selection of a new president. —Durham Herald.

## Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held quite a long session on Tuesday and disposed of many cases, some by trial and others by continuances, and two for jury trials. The docket was disposed of as follows:

Jack Dodd was found not guilty of operating automobile intoxicated.

Mack Cooper, drunk and disorderly, profanity on public highway, simple trespass, plead guilty to first charge, found guilty in other two counts, and given 90 days on roads.

Murman Kearney, forcible trespass, found guilty, 30 days on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of costs and being of good behavior for 6 months and not violating any laws of State of N. C.

Jim King, Jr., found guilty of assault with deadly weapons, 12 months on roads, execution not to issue upon payment into Court of \$50, \$15 and \$25 for damage, and costs.

Johanne Harris, pleads guilty to operating without license, judgment was suspended upon saving the County harmless, and not to operate an automobile for 6 months.

A jury trial was ordered in the cases of F. L. Allen for violating prohibition law, and W. A. Morgan for reckless driving.

The following cases were continued:

Jesse Hill, assault on female.

Garland Mitchell, removing crops.

Foster Pace, operating automobile intoxicated.

Waverly Lewis, assault with deadly weapon.

Matthew Spivey, assault with deadly weapon.

Adkin Williams, assault on female, non-support.

L. L. Wilder, operating automobile intoxicated.

Otha E. Finch, operating automobile intoxicated.

Jarvis Evans, assault with deadly weapon.

Robert Mills, carrying concealed weapon.

B. M. Stallings, bad check, (2 cases).

Z. V. Morton, operating automobile intoxicated.

Jack Collins, carrying concealed weapons.