

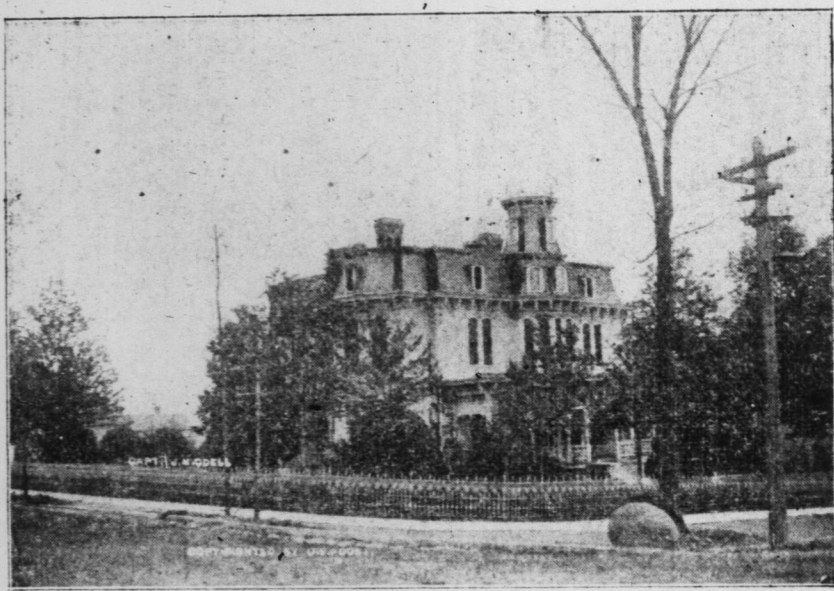
CABARRUS COUNTY HAS A MOST EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

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The present system of county government in North Carolina was adopted with the Constitution of 1868. But few changes have been made during the past 65 years. The writer has lived in Minnesota, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia and New York and is familiar with the county government systems of these States, and he does not hesitate to assert that the system of county government in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, is almost ideal, as compared with that of some other States. Under this plan the people control their own affairs by electing at stated intervals their own officers and representatives. Quite recently a County Highway Commission appointed by the Legislature has assumed control of the public roads and county chain gang, which formerly were in charge of the County Commissioners. The schools are also an exception to the local self-government principle, in that the three members of the County Board of Education are not elected in Cabarrus county as they are in most of the counties of North Carolina, but are appointed by the Legislature. The wisdom of this action has been seriously challenged by many citizens of both local political parties.

Cabarrus county elects the following officers every two years, viz.:
 1. A State senator in connection with Mecklenburg county; and a member of the House of Representatives, the lower house of the Legislature.
 2. Five county commissioners, chosen from different sections of the county, with the Concord member acting as the chairman of the board. The chairman is

BEAUTIFUL HOME



The Residence of Mrs. J. M. Odell

other members are paid a per diem of 4.00 and mileage.

3. A Sheriff, whose duty it is to preserve law and order and execute all civil and criminal process, and also to collect all taxes. He receives as sheriff a salary of \$3,500, and receives fees for service of papers. In this connection it may be noted that Kannapolis, an unincorporated city of 9,000 people is governed by deputies appointed by the sheriff, a rather responsible post in times of disorder.

4. A Register of Deeds, whose duty it is to record all deeds, mortgages and bills of sale, and to preserve in the fire-proof vaults all the valuable records of title to the real estate situate in the county. He receives for his compensation fees paid by persons presenting papers for record. These fees are \$1.50 for recording real estate mortgages, \$1.25 for recording deeds, and 35 cents for recording chattel mortgages.

5. A Treasurer whose duty it is to receive all the funds collected by the sheriff for county purposes and pay out said moneys only upon legal orders or vouchers of the Board of County Commissioners, or the Highway Commission, or the County Board of Education. The salary of this office was formerly upon a commission basis but is now a flat sum of \$1,000.

A VIEW OF THE CITY HALL



One of Several Buildings Owned by the City

and formerly this officer was known as "Probate Judge" because he had charge of the probate of wills and was the judge to determine all matters pertaining to estates. In addition to these official duties, the Clerk of Superior Court keeps the records and minutes of the Superior Courts held in the county by the Judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, each of whom presides six months of each year over Cabarrus Superior Court. The Clerk of the Superior Court is paid by fees fixed by law.

In recent years the legislature has made the Clerk of the Superior Court of each county in North Carolina a Judge to try juvenile offenders, that is to say all persons under 16 years of age who commit any crime less than a felony. The county welfare officer is charged with the duty of bringing these youthful offenders before the Clerk, who hears the evidence and decides what disposition shall be made of them. Usually they are required to report weekly or monthly and show good behavior. If this method fails they are sent to the Jackson Training School.

Justices of the Peace.

In Cabarrus county at each biennial election there are elected Justices of the Peace in each township in the county. These officers have judicial powers throughout the entire county.

6. A county surveyor, whose duty it is to make all surveys that may be made by order of court, and he is sworn to make all surveys fairly and correctly and impartially as between the parties interested.

7. A coroner, whose duty it is to hold inquests and inquire into the cause of all deaths where foul play is suspected. He is also to act as sheriff in case of the death or removal of the sheriff until the next election. His fees are nominal.

8. A cotton weigher, whose duty it is to weigh all cotton sold in Concord market. Said cotton is weighed upon platform provided by the county, and a fee of 10 cents per bale is charged by the weigher. He gives a bond for faithful performance of his duty. This office was not one of those originally provided for, but the people through their representatives in the legislature compelled that all cotton should be weighed by sworn officers of the people, and there is no probability that a self-governing people will ever consent to the abandonment of public weighing.

The Clerk of the Superior Court is elected for a period of four years. His duties are highly important and this responsibility very great. He has charge of all wills and the settlement of all estates of deceased persons. He appoints all administrators and fixes their bonds and requires them to make settlements as provided by law. He also has the appointment, supervision and control of all guardians, and is charged with the duty of seeing that at all times their bonds are good and not impaired. He exercises many powers that are judicial

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Appointive Officers.

In addition to the foregoing elected officers, there are the following officers of Cabarrus county who are appointed, viz.:

1. Jailor appointed by sheriff.
 2. County physician, elected by the Board of County Commissioners and County Medical Society. His duty is to prevent spread of contagious diseases, to vaccinate the public for smallpox and typhoid, to enforce the sanitary regulations of the State Department of Public Health, and to attend the inmates of the County Home and the prisoners in the convict camps of the county. In all cases of extreme privation, where humanity calls for medical aid, this officer cheerfully responds to the call of duty. Dr. W. S. Rankin, State Superintendent of Public Health, places Cabarrus county in the forefront of the progressive up-to-date public health records in this State for 1923. His salary is paid by the county.

3. A public health nurse is also maintained by the contributions from county, city and Red Cross. This has proven a blessing to thousands and is a charity which cannot be too highly commended.

4. The Home Demonstrator has been at work in Cabarrus county for several years, and while individuals filling this position have been changed, the office

has always proven a boon to the women and children and the work has just begun. It must never be given up but let it go on until every home shall have been benefited.

5. The County Farm Demonstrator has also demonstrated his efficiency and it is needless to add that in Roy D. Goodman Cabarrus County has one of the best men in the State to guide the farmers.

6. The keeper of the County Home, Mr. Geo. W. Watts, lives at the home

with his family. Cabarrus has one of the finest plants for her County Home in the State and we believe the man and the opportunity have met. The aged and infirm have a home and a friend in Mr. Watts.

7. The Superintendent of Schools, Prof. J. B. Robertson, is appointed by the County Board of Education, consisting of W. R. Odell, chairman, Geo. B. McAllister and Watt F. Smith. Prof. Robertson has a man's job to supervise the schools of Cabarrus county. Just now the question of consolidation of

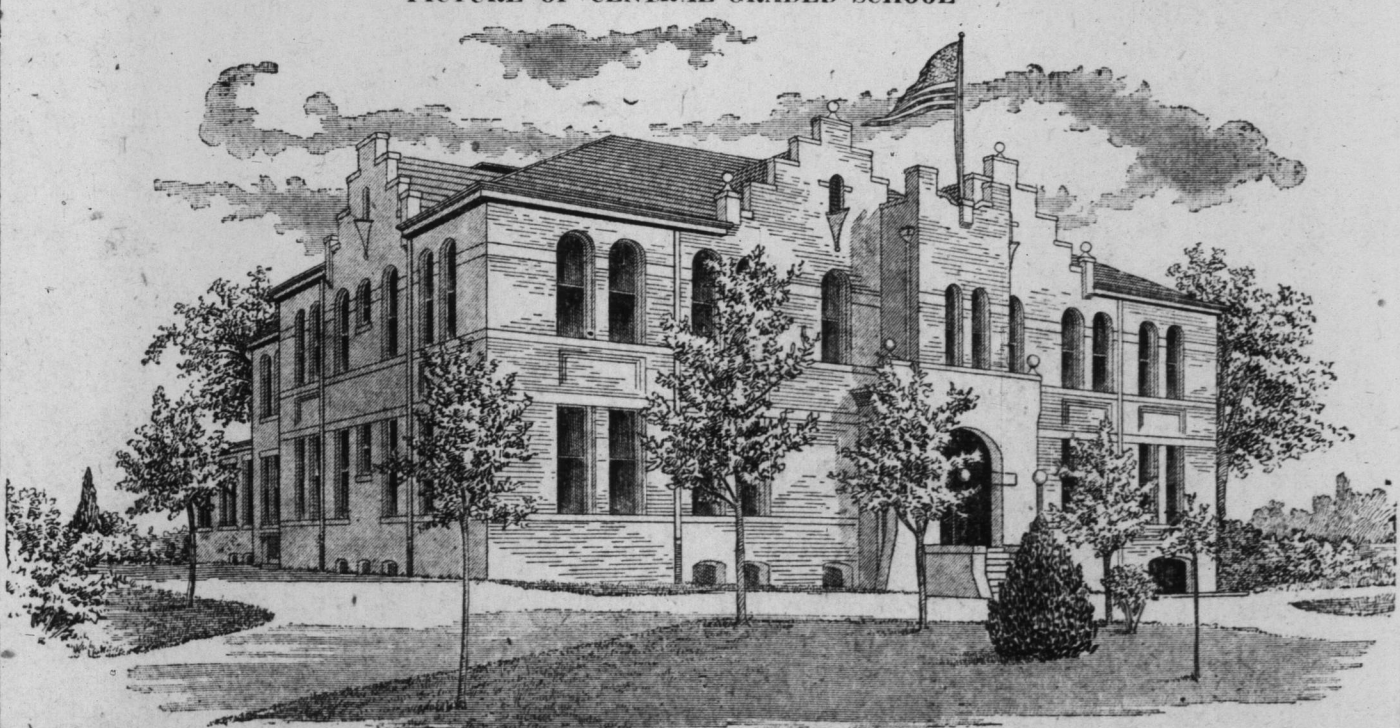
schools and transportation of pupils is being talked by a lot of people, and the time is not distant when Cabarrus county will catch up with her sister counties in progressive measures. Old Cabarrus is sometimes slow to start, but when she gets started she goes to the finish.

8. The County Supervisor of Roads is appointed by the County Highway Commission. He is a competent engineer and lays out all roads and has charge of the construction and maintenance of all the public highways, not already taken over by the State Highway Commission.

He has charge of all convicts, male and other employees necessary to carry on the public road work.

In conclusion, no man who comes to Cabarrus from another State will find anything to complain of. Our taxes are reasonable, and our climate and the people are the best to be found anywhere. Come to Carolina and don't fail to attend the Cabarrus County Fair at Concord, N. C., on October 16-20, 1923. "Proof of the pudding is the eating of the bag," and if you are from Missouri and want to see for yourself what sort of people we have in Cabarrus, be sure to be "among those present."

PICTURE OF CENTRAL GRADED SCHOOL



Some of the Primary Grades Have Rooms Here

Covington Candy Co. Is Most Prosperous

One of the prosperous manufacturing industries of the Cabarrus section is the Covington Candy Company, of which P. Covington is the owner and active manager. He established the business in 1913 and occupies a large premises 22x100 feet at 14 South Church street. He has eleven employees in the candy kitchen; five salesmen on the route and six trucks busy at all times making deliveries. An exclusively wholesale business is done.

Mr. Covington was born in Rockwell county and has been in the candy manufacturing business in different parts of the county all his life. He was also a candy family, as his father was also a candy manufacturer. Among the principal lines manufactured are peanut butter, nut, chocolate candy, peanut butter sticks, mint sticks, salted peanuts, raisins, coconut bars, caramel rolls, candy bars, fudge bars, mint pillows and many others. Mr. Covington attends the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Travellers Protective Association.

Land Deeds and Mortgage Trust Deeds 5 cents each, at Times and Triangles Office.