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WINDSOR STREET WILL PROBABLY BE PAVED

FIFTY-ONE PER CENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS SECURED

Those Interested Also Believe They Have Majority of Lineal Feet Owners, But Will Make Certain Before Presenting the Petition—The Signers, Etc.

Messrs. A. M. Stack and W. S. Blakeney, who have been active in agitating for paving work on Windsor street, now feel confident that they have secured a majority of both the property owners and lineal feet owners to sign for sheet asphalt paving on that street. Over 51 per cent of the property owners have already been secured, and they believe they also have a majority of the lineal feet owners, but to be certain they have requested the Superintendent of Water and Light Department, Mr. C. H. Lee, to measure the frontage. Mr. Lee will do this in the next few days and a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will then be held to pass on the petition.

Alderman J. B. Simpson stated to the Journal Saturday night that the Aldermen would be glad to hold a special session to pass on any petitions as soon as the petitioners desire to present them. The attitude of the Aldermen has already been explained, both in the mass meeting held recently at the court house and in the Journal. They stand ready and willing to do their share of the work and will back up the actions of the citizens. A civil engineer can be secured in a short time without again advertising for bids, as the engineers who were here a couple of weeks ago submitted contracts in writing and all the Aldermen will have to do is to notify the successful applicant. After the engineer has been secured, it will require about two weeks' time to draw up the specifications, and two weeks longer will then be required to advertise for bids from contractors and receive the same.

Actual work can be commenced by September 1, and the Windsor street paving can be completed by January 1, 1917. Engineers, who were here recently, stated that as contractors have to spend winter somewhere, the one who secures the Monroe work can do so here. He would then be ready to resume work in the spring, in case any more petitions come in.

Those interested have not yet given up Houston street. The petition is still in the hands of several workers, and one of these stated to the Journal yesterday that the Houston street petition would be presented in due time.

The Windsor street petition follows:

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Monroe:—We, the undersigned persons owning property on East Windsor Avenue and McCauley Avenue in said city, do hereby respectfully petition, pursuant to Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, Session of 1915, that the roadway in said street be paved with sheet asphalt upon a concrete foundation from Hayne street to McCauley Avenue to where Charles street intersects said McCauley Avenue just east of the property of W. S. Blakeney, and that cement walks of not less than five feet be laid upon the sidewalks of said avenue whereon such cement walks are not now laid, and that cement curbs and gutters, in accordance with approved plans, be placed along the entire length of said street and avenue above described at places where none have already been put down; and we further request that the cost of said paving be taxed against the abutting property owners in accordance with Chapter 56 of the public laws of North Carolina, 1915, and that the amount taxed against the property owners be divided into ten equal payments, one payment to be collected each year for a period of ten years and deferred payments to bear interest at 6 per cent, with the privilege of any of the abutting owners to pay cash if they so desire, all in accordance with Chapter 56 of the public laws of North Carolina of 1915.

Following are the signers and estimated frontage:

J. R. Shute, 100; H. A. Shute, 100; M. C. Long, 100; Methodist church, 180; W. G. Gravelly, 80; C. C. Sikes, 180; H. E. Neal, frontage unknown; Presbyterian church, 180; A. M. Stack, 110; W. S. Blakeney, 200; E. W. Crow, 90; J. E. Stack, 220; F. W. Huey, 80; T. P. Dillon, 118; G. S. Lee, 90; J. B. Williams, 180; H. R. Laney, and G. S. Lee, Jr., 135; J. F. Laney, 90.

Later—Majority Now Certain.

Mr. Curtis Lee, superintendent of Water and Light Department, this morning measured off Windsor street to ascertain if the majority of the lineal feet property owners had signed for the paving. He found that the property owners who favored the paving had 2,949 lineal feet, while those who opposed it owned 1,755 feet.

As soon as the results of Mr. Lee's measurements were known, those interested in the matter had the petition filed, and it is now waiting to be presented to the Aldermen just as soon as it is found convenient to hold a meeting.

Alderman John C. Sikes, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated to the Journal this morning that so far as he was able to determine the work on Windsor street would be started at once. The selection of an engineer will be the first thing to be done. It will take the engineer about two weeks to draw up the specifications, and it will then require about two weeks to get the contractor on about the scene. It will probably take about

two months to do the work on Windsor street.

Mr. Wm. McCauley, who is an expert on figures, found that the cost of the paving of this section of the street would amount to \$18,816. He based his figures on the length of the street, from the Methodist church to the other side of Mr. W. S. Blakeney's residence, which is 4,704 feet, 24 feet wide, and at a cost of about \$1.50 per square yard. This does not include the cost of the engineer, which the city will pay. Mr. A. M. Stack says that the work can be done for \$1.00 per yard, which would make the total about \$12,000.

BOMB SHATTERS PARADE.

Explosion in San Francisco Kills Six and Wounds Others While People Were Marching.

San Francisco Dispatch, July 23rd. By the explosion of a time bomb in the midst of a crowd watching a preparedness parade, this afternoon, at least six persons were killed and between forty and fifty injured.

The newspapers and the public had received notification that the parade would be attended by violence, but apparently the warning was not taken seriously, though the police said every precaution had been taken.

The explosion occurred at Steuart and market streets. The bomb, concealed in a suit case packed with cartridges, bullets, gaspice, glass and scrap iron, blew a gap in the crowd, tearing through men, women, children and babies. The one-story brick building against which the suit case stood was wrecked.

Sidewalk a Shambles.

The holiday throng cheering a contingent of veterans of the First California Infantry of the Spanish-American War, became a shambles. The blare of fifty bands and the roar of drums drowned the cries of the injured, but the sidewalk was strewn with torn bodies.

"Two women standing beside me were blown to bits," said Mrs. Kinsley Van Loom of Oakland, who, with her two children, was injured. The police think it is possible that some bodies were entirely blown to pieces.

The bomb blew a piece of lead pipe two blocks into the Northwestern Pacific Railroad waiting room. A woman's gold watch, presumably belonging to one of the victims, landed in a fruit stand a block and a half away.

The Parade Kept On.

Through this violence the parade of 50,000 continued without a break. The veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, waiting in Steuart street to fall into line, escaped death and proceeded with the march.

The police arrested Frank Josephson, a lodger in a salaried boarding house, who cried "I didn't do it! I didn't do it!" and trembled violently when he was being searched at the station house. The police said he had not been accused of anything.

The warning sent to the newspapers was signed "The determined exiles from militaristic governments, Italy, Germany, United States, Russia." It said: "Editor: Our protests have been in vain in regards to this preparedness propaganda, so we are going to use a little direct action on the 22nd, which will echo around the earth and show that Frisco really shows how and that militarism cannot be forced on us and our children without a violent protest.

"Things are going to happen to show that we will go to any extreme, the same as the controlling class, to preserve what little democracy we still have. Don't take this as a joke, or you will be rudely awakened. Awaken (sic)! We have sworn to do our duty to the masses and only send warnings to those who are wise but who are forced to march to hold their jobs, as we want to give only the hypocritical patriots who shout for war, but never go, a real taste of war.

"Kindly ask the Chamber of Commerce to march in a solid body if they want to prove they are no cowards. A copy has been sent to all the papers. Our duty has been done so far."

Some of the bodies May be Covered Up Forever.

Charlotte Observer.

The failure of searching parties to find any trace of C. W. Klutz, one of the derrick crew that went down with the Belmont bridge Sunday afternoon, July 16, or of the five colored laborers who met their death in the raging waters of the Catawba at the same time leads those who have charge of the rescue work to have grave doubts whether their bodies will ever be recovered. The water was so high and so swift and cut so many new channels and deposited so much mud and silt and other debris that the men washed down the stream were probably buried under a great weight of earth. The continued rainfall and rising waters of the stream have added other difficulties and while the patrol work has been conducted with exceptional vigilance and persistence, there has not been a trace discovered for the past two days and nights. The body of C. S. Barbee, section foreman, which was found Friday, was entirely covered with the exception of a part of one hand that was projecting. But for the very alert watch maintained, he might never have been found. While grave fears are entertained by those in charge as to the recovery of the six bodies in the river, the search will be continued until all doubts have been removed. The five colored laborers missing are Andrew Scott and Will Ferguson of Charlotte, Tom Davis and Daniel Heath of Juneau and Tom Ashwood of McBee, S. C.

DRY GOODS SELLING HIGH

The Market is Steadily Advancing and the Prospects Are That Union County People Will Experience Some Real Hard Times in the Future if the War Keeps Up.

Union county people are today, with possibly the exception of the Civil War days, paying more for clothes and shoes than in the history of the county. There have been noticeable advances in all lines of clothing, and shoes are high. But the end is not yet in sight. Quotations are getting higher and higher every few weeks, and there is much speculation in the markets. Sole leather has advanced 10 cents per pound since the European war began, and the price of shoes has advanced accordingly. Dealers seem to be shy both in the clothing and odds and ends market, and are only buying just enough to supply their current trade.

A local merchant, in speaking of the high prices, said that he believed in the course of a few months, provided the European war does not have a speedy termination, Union county people would be forced to make sacrifices to meet the cost of even bare necessities of life. This same dealer gave the following quotations to show how sharp the advance has been in some lines:

"Standard calicoes have advanced from 4 3-4 to 6 1-4 cents, and the market is very unsteady. Bleach domestics have climbed from 7 1-4 to 9 1-4 cents, an increase of an even two cents per yard. Staple gingham, which are used largely in this county, have increased from 4 1-2 to 6 3-4 cents, an increase of over two cents per yard, while white sheetings have increased from 17 to 20 cents. Chevots have advanced about 2 cents per yard, with prospects for a bigger raise. Percales have advanced 2 1-4 cents per yard, while Indigo Blue Hickory shirtings have advanced from 7 1-4 to 9 3-4 cents.

"Overalls have gone out of sight. Many dealers find it unprofitable to even handle them and have accordingly cut out this line altogether. Overall denims have increased 5 1-2 cents per yard, which accounts largely for the enormous increase in the price of overalls."

The situation is not entirely confined to dry goods merchants, but also in the grocery lines. Prices on staple groceries have already advanced, and there is no prospect for a reduction for some time.

UNION COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED AT G. O. P. RALLY

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Will Speak, and Also Mr. J. J. Parker—Big Barbecue and Other Attractions in Charlotte Saturday.

Union county Republicans are eagerly looking forward to next Saturday, when a large number of that faith will journey to Charlotte to attend the big G. O. P. rally that will open the campaign in this state with a rousing speech from "Uncle Joe" Cannon and Representative William A. Rodenburg, both of Illinois. Other opening guns will be fired by such State-wide Republican leaders as Mr. J. J. Parker of Monroe, nominee for Attorney General; Frank A. Linney, nominee for Governor; and Hon. Tom Settle of Asheville. Mr. Jno. E. Halgler, one of the jovial old Republicans of the county, was in town Saturday and invited several Democrats up to the meeting. He said he wanted to get the "demies" on the mourners' bench.

A big barbecue dinner will be served, and other interesting features will mark the day. Mr. Gilmer Joyce is chairman of the entertainment committee from this county, and he has tickets for all of the attractions, which can be secured by making application to him. Reports from all over the county state that there will be a big bunch of the members of the Grand Old Party in Charlotte Saturday.

The day will be featured by two events: the Republican county convention in the morning at 10 o'clock at the court house when a full county ticket will be nominated, and the presidential ratification rally and barbecue at Lakewood in the afternoon. The county convention will be for Republicans of Mecklenburg while the rally at Lakewood will be for the public generally, with Republicans attending from all sections of Piedmont Carolina.

The visit of Uncle Joe Cannon and Representative Rodenburg will be a notable event. Mr. Cannon is a North Carolinian, a native of Guilford county, while Mr. Rodenburg is widely connected throughout the State and has visited in North Carolina quite often. Owing to the fact that they will be going out at three in the afternoon, there will be no effort made to have a reception in their honor or anything of that sort.

The program is as follows: 11:00 A. M.—Address of Welcome, J. F. Newell, of Charlotte. 11:15 A. M.—John J. Parker, Monroe, Republican candidate for Attorney General, will introduce Frank A. Linney, Republican candidate for governor.

12 Noon—Augustus H. Price, Salisbury, will introduce Hon. William A. Rodenburg, of Illinois. At the conclusion of Mr. Rodenburg's address, John M. Morehead, Charlotte, will present Thomas Settle, Asheville, who will introduce Hon. Joseph Gurney Cannon, of Illinois.

Dinner. 2:30 P. M.—J. F. Newell, Charlotte, will introduce Chas. E. Green, Republican candidate for Congress Ninth District.

The brick manufacturer has some excuse for wanting the earth.

TOM IS THE CHAMPION HORSE-SHOER IN COUNTY

Mr. Meigs Has Set Out to Put on 4000 Pair Shoes During This Year, and He Already Has 2093 Pairs to His Credit—Rain, Rain, Rain—Nothing But Rain.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, July 23. — Rain, rain, rain. Heavy showers every day. The weather man seems to be practicing the hydropathic treatment on this old earth and from all signs the patient is responding wonderfully; for there seems to be more life and vital energy in it than we have seen in a long time. The whole face of the "earth" seems clothed in living green around here, except Cemetery Hill and Dr. Jerome's cotton patch, and even these, on close inspection, show a slight tint of green in spots. All farm operations are suspended for the time and the farmers can only watch, wait and hope. Let's be patient in the meantime however, for all will come right in time.

Miss Annie James, our operator at "central," went home Wednesday to be with her parents, who are both afflicted in some way. Miss Etta Williams is supplying for Miss James. Her friends and family were delighted to find Mrs. Dan Howard so far recovered as to be able to return to her home near Union church Friday. Mrs. Howard's mother, Mrs. Calvin Nash, will spend sometime with her daughter to aid her in her household duties until all danger of a setback is over.

These are fine days for the Split and Argy Club to get in their work; only there is most too much wind.

Mr. Garrison of Waxhaw was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sullivan, of Wingate, Sunday. Esq. H. K. Helms, Lem Watson and perhaps some others, took a trip to Charlotte Thursday. They traveled by automobile. They report crops in desperate condition. Some too far gone to be rescued in time to make any thing to speak of. Pretty much the same down this way, in spots, at least.

The hearts of his many friends and relatives were deeply grieved at the news of the death of Mr. Willie R. Free, our assistant telegraph operator here, which occurred early Saturday morning. Mr. Free had been in feeble health for a long time and while small hope was entertained for his ultimate recovery, the end came somewhat as a surprise to his family and intimate friends. Mr. Free was highly esteemed by a host of friends who deeply mourn his departure. He was a member of the Baptist church. The body was laid in its final resting place in the Meadow Branch cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of quite a number of friends and relatives. Pastor Black conducting funeral services. The deceased is survived by a widow and three little girls, besides a number of other relatives, unknown to the writer. All of whom have the deepest sympathy of our community in this sad hour through which they are passing.

The opening service of the protracted meeting were held at the Methodist church by pastor Taylor. The prospects for a full attendance at these meetings is rather gloomy at present owing to almost continual showers.

Mr. Tom J. Meigs and little daughter, Inez, of Marshville spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. O. P. T. at The Lone Oak. Tom surely is entitled to the championship as the greatest horse-shoer anywhere in this region. "I set out," said Tom, "at the beginning of this year to put 4000 pairs of mule and horse shoes." To show how he is progressing with his task he told the writer Sunday morning that he had put on 2693 pairs to date, July 22, and had lost several jobs on account of sickness and other causes. His biggest single days work was that of the first Saturday in July. That day he put on 53 pairs. His output for last week was 171 pairs. Now if anybody can beat this record he may have the cake and all that goes with it.

Messrs. Arley Smith and Percy Wall of Baden were visitors to Wingate Sunday. These gentlemen say that high prices are being paid for hands on the big works about Baden and the great dam on the Narrows.

Well, it is still raining and I am weary and am feeling quite "fagged out." Mr. Jones will not go out on his route today, so I will have to send it to the office some other way in order to be in time for publication.

To those of my friends who are so kind as to help me in the making up of our Wingate letter, be sure to check your items to the writer by 10 o'clock each Monday and Thursday in order that they may appear in the following issue of The Journal.

Good time now to overhaul the old mower and rake as the prospects for hay is indeed encouraging.

Let's go fishing.—O. P. T.

An Old Time Auction Sale. So little is said these days about the days of slavery that the following old paper, which is on file at the clerk's office, may be of interest:

PROPERTY VALUE FOR YEAR.

Figures Compiled by Register of Deeds Long show that the County Valuations This Year Amount to Nearly Nine Millions—The White and Colored by Townships.

Register of Deeds Long has been working hard balancing up the list-takers' books of the county for the tax valuations of 1916. He has just completed them and is now ready to begin figuring the taxes.

He finds that the increase for the year was something over three quarters of a million dollars. The total for this year is \$8,747,231, of which \$359,166 is property of colored people and \$8,388,065 the property of white people. By townships the valuations are as follows:

Lanes Creek—White, \$389,445; colored, \$30,948; total \$420,393. Buford—White, \$707,151; colored, \$30,286; total \$737,437. Jackson—White, \$731,853; colored, \$56,560; total \$788,413. Sandy Ridge—White, \$664,967; colored, \$37,598; total, \$702,565. Vance—White, \$392,837; colored, \$18,823; total, \$411,660. Goose Creek—White, \$741,686; colored, \$20,295; total, \$761,981. New Salem—White, \$566,333; colored, \$11,748; total, \$578,081. Marshville—White, \$962,988; colored, \$74,242; total, \$1,037,230. Monroe—White, \$2,227,895; colored, \$98,668; total, \$2,326,563. The commissioners yesterday levied the same rate as last year, which is 88 1/2¢ for all townships except Monroe and Sandy Ridge. Monroe is \$1.05 1/2, and Sandy Ridge is \$1.12.

HELP RE-ELECT WILSON

Mr. R. B. Redwine is Receiving Contributions to Help the Democrats Win in November.

There is no doubt but what Woodrow Wilson is one of the best presidents we've ever had, but the Republicans are determined to beat him this year. Money is needed to carry on the campaign—lots of it, and Mr. R. B. Redwine has offered his services to receive contributions from Monroe and Union county. He has already received the following contributions:

R. A. Merrow	.....\$2.50
S. O. Blair	.....1.00
E. C. Carpenter	.....1.00
D. F. Eubanks	.....1.00
A. M. Stack	.....1.00
Frank Armfield	.....1.00
F. B. Ashcraft	.....1.00
H. B. Clark	.....1.00
Cash	......50
A. F. Stevens	.....1.00
R. C. Griffin & Bro.	.....1.00
J. R. Shute	.....1.00
The Sikes Co.	.....1.00
D. A. Houston	.....1.00
R. W. Lemmond	.....1.00
W. S. Blakeney	.....1.00
J. H. Lee	.....1.00
J. C. M. Vann	.....1.00
W. J. Pratt	.....1.00

GOVERNOR CRAIG CALLS FOR AID FOR SUFFERERS

The Flood Disaster Has Caused So Much Suffering That Aid Must be Rendered at Once.

The flood relief appeal proclamation, issued Saturday night from Raleigh, on authority of Governor Craig follows:

"To the people of North Carolina: A great disaster has befallen a large region of our State; hundreds of people are homeless and helpless. At this time I cannot describe the extent of the damage done by the unprecedented floods of July 15 and 16, nor can I undertake to portray the present and prospective suffering. By reason of the fact that Asheville has been cut from communication with the outside world I could not be as promptly and adequately informed of conditions as others. But I am now prepared to say that in the mountain sections along our western streams, large and small, running eastward from Wilkes on the north to Rutherford on the south the floods have swept away not only the homes and the growing crops but even the lands themselves of hundreds, if not thousands, of our fellowmen and women. They are in distress and many of them utterly destitute and helpless. Their all has been swept away in a night.

"Now, therefore, I Locke Craig, Governor of the State of North Carolina, am calling upon your generous people to respond to the cry of those who have been so terribly stricken. There is every reason to believe that many will for weeks have to be supplied with the necessities of life, in order that they may be sustained until they can find a means of livelihood. It is but right that our entire people should share this burden—reasonable that the people in regions of the State in which no damage was done, where crops were spared and homes undisturbed, should open their hearts in generous giving.

"I understand that a number of local subscriptions have been started and that at least two relief committees have begun work. I take occasion rather, to commend them. At the same time, the disaster is so extensive, the work of relief so great, that I feel constrained to appoint a committee of general relief and to authorize it to take subscriptions and to appropriate funds as needs appear. Every dollar shall be accounted for, and every penny shall go to relieve actual need.

"Subscriptions may be sent to Edward E. Britton, chairman, Raleigh, N. C.

"I am sure our people, once they realize the distress of their fellow North Carolinians, will be quick to pour out their money in this noble cause."

J. H. LEE CHAIRMAN OF HOSPITAL BOARD

DIRECTORS EXPECTED TO PUSH WORK RIGHT AWAY

Mr. D. A. Houston Secretary and Treasurer as Result of First Meeting Yesterday—Will Meet With the Doctors This Afternoon—May Decide to Erect a Brick Building—Are Determined That Monroe and Union County Shall Have a Good Hospital.

The directors of the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital held their first formal meeting in the office of the Monroe Telephone Company yesterday morning, with all members present. An informal meeting had been previously held at which time Mr. S. O. Blair was elected a member of the board in place of Mr. Charles Iceeman, who was unable to serve. Mr. James H. Lee was elected chairman of the board and Mr. D. A. Houston secretary and treasurer, both unanimously. The nine directors are as follows: James H. Lee, D. A. Houston, Dr. J. M. Belk, W. E. Cason, S. O. Blair, R. F. Bensley, A. M. Stack, H. A. Shute and J. W. Laney.

At an informal discussion in which much determination and enthusiasm prevailed, it was decided that the first thing to do was to call the local physicians to get their advice and suggestion. The County Medical Society was requested to meet with the Directors when they hold their regular meeting on the first Monday in August. In the mean time, the physicians in reach were asked to meet with the board this afternoon at the residence of the late Mrs. Fitzgerald which was so graciously donated by her to the city for the purpose of a hospital. This meeting will be held at five thirty this afternoon. It was felt that the first thing to do was to get the ideas of the doctors as to what was needed and to secure their cordial cooperation in the undertaking. It was also decided to have meetings later with the Woman's Club and the pastors of the churches of the city for the purpose of securing the co-operation of the whole community in the undertaking. The directors feel that it is up to them to get at the feeling of the people generally before undertaking any definite plans as well as to get the expert opinion of the doctors. They wish to lay the plans broad and deep for the benefit of the whole county as well as Monroe and to have an institution that every doctor in the county would be glad to send his patients to, and to conduct it upon such rules of fairness and efficiency that all physicians could feel that their patients would have the very best that the institution could offer, and as good as was offered anywhere.

In placing Mr. Lee in nomination as permanent chairman of the board, Dr. Belk spoke of the work and careful attention which would be required of the man who was selected to do this work, and paid a tribute to the wisdom, interest, and zeal which Mr. Lee was certain to give it. Dr. Belk also stated that while a great many things had been proposed which Monroe could not do, here is one definite, great thing that she could do, and for which the way had been made plain by the gift of Mrs. Fitzgerald. He also said that nothing could be done which would mean more good to the people of the county and town, both from a humanitarian standpoint and from a standpoint of financial saving. Hundreds of people are compelled, he said, to go from the county to other places every year for hospital treatment. They often have to pay enormous fees and added to these the heavy traveling expenses of the patients, their families and friends. By having a hospital here much of this could be saved and the patients would be right at home where they could be easily seen by their relatives and friends, and being at home would in itself take away much of the dread that people feel when they are compelled to go to a hospital. Mr. Blair, Mr. Stack, and in fact all of the directors spoke hopefully of the undertaking and felt sure that the people would do whatever it was decided to be necessary to do in order to have a first-class institution.

The Statesville Trip.

Your attention is again called to the Statesville trip next Saturday, the 29th. All cars going from Monroe, and east and south of Monroe will assemble at the court house square not later than five thirty o'clock Saturday morning. Cars going from the west and north of Monroe will meet the Monroe party on West Trade street, Charlotte, at 7 o'clock. This will be a trip full of interest to the farmers, and every farmer who owns a car and can conveniently do so is requested to go and carry two or three of his neighbors. If you have no car see your neighbor who has one and arrange to go with him by being one of a number to pay running expenses. We are planning other trips of interest to farmers to be taken later. Let everyone be on time.

T. J. W. BROOM.

Important.

Don't stay away from the annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company next Saturday, 29th. This meeting will be held at one o'clock, instead of two, and every member is expected to be present. If you are dissatisfied with anything come to the annual meeting and talk it over. This is the time that any feature of the by-laws can be changed if the members desire it. Come out and let us hear from you.

W. H. PHIFER, President.