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TRUSTEES OF TRINITY COLLEGE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT OFFER OF \$6,000,000 DUKE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRADE TO MEET MONDAY

All Citizens, as Well as the Members of the Board of Trade Are Urged to be Present.

The Board of Trade will meet in the court house at 2 P. M. Monday, January 5th, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. This meeting is not confined to present members of the Board of Trade. All who have interest of the town at heart, both male and female are urged to attend.

The need for a Board of Trade in Franklin is greater now than ever before. Heretofore the citizens of Franklin, with the exception of a very few, have been indifferent toward this organization. These few have been able to keep the Board of Trade going in spite of the indifference of the others. However, it is not expected that these public spirited men can or will continue to bear this burden alone. If the citizens of Franklin want a Board of Trade they must show some evidences of interest.

One constantly hears the query: "What has the Board of Trade done?" Read the report of the Secretary on this page and familiarize yourself with what was accomplished in 1924.

Come to the court house January 5th. Don't remain away with the expectation that George will bear your burdens.

Macon County is Defendant in Federal Court Here

The board of commissioners of Macon county were defendants in a suit quashed in federal court before Judge E. Yates Webb in which the sum of \$8,591.97 and interest from early in 1916 was involved. George A. Eyer, of New York, purchaser of bonds or notes issued in 1915 by the Franklin township, Macon county highway commission, is the plaintiff. The statute of limitations was invoked by the defense to kill the case.

The general assembly of 1913 passed an act empowering the Franklin township highway commission to build and repair certain roads and this body entered into an agreement, it is said, with J. R. Gibson to do the building and repairing at a suitable price of \$10,286.55. The work was completed and the township committee accepted the roads and tendered four bonds, or notes, in payment. Mr. Gibson then sold the notes to George A. Eyer.

The case was like most of those heard in federal court, somewhat complicated. In 1921 all township road commissions in Macon county were abolished by a legislative act and the duties then fell upon the county commissioners. But in 1923 the road commissions were re-created and given charge in the various townships, so in the action now underway here the defendants, commissioners, assert they are not the proper parties.—Greensboro Daily Recorder.

Attorneys A. W. Horn and J. Frank Ray, Jr. represented Macon county in this litigation.

A Fable For Builders

Last summer a good citizen of a certain town, not over a hundred miles from almost anywhere, built a wooden house for a woman and her children. He built the chimney of brick because he had to do so. The house was able to stand alone, so he did not have to prop it with wood. But the floors of the house would not stay up without props. The good citizen saved a dollar by using the chimney as a support for the floors. He led the ends of the floor joists into the bricks of the chimney and then covered up the job and his money.

The rains fell and the woman in the most Biblical manner, came after its usual fashion. The chimney settled a little and a tiny crack.

One morning the woman with fire all about her, came to get her children. If she had known no one ever knew it. The good citizen who built the house was a murderer. He had built other houses of the same kind for other women and children.

He makes his living by building houses for the National Fire Protection Association.

Attractive Christmas Tree At St. Agnes Church

On Christmas Evening the members of St. Agnes Sunday School were made exceedingly happy by a visit from Santa Claus.

The children were expecting, Santa, to come and had been preparing for him, learning Christmas Carols recitations, readings, etc.

Also a wonderful Christmas Tree all decorated and blazing with light from many candles awaited him.

Long before the appointed hour the children began to gather around looking for old Santa to come. They did not have long to wait; for the exercises began promptly at seven o'clock and Santa came right on time.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. R. D. Sisk, began the exercises with a short talk in which he stressed the value of such exercises. He then told of the growth of the Sunday School. How in a little more than a year time it had grown from a membership of three pupils to a membership of forty six pupils. Mr. Sisk emphasized that he did not want the Sunday School to be built up at the expense of any other Church but he did want every boy and girl who were not already a member of some Sunday School to come to the Sunday School where he assured them they would receive a hearty welcome from all. After his talk Mr. Sisk announced the program as follows:

Hymn—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.—School.

Prayer—by the Rector.

Recitation—five little girls.

Christmas Hymn—Virgie Simmons.

Ann. Simon, Margaret Baldwin, Thoma Baldwin, Louise Sutton.

Hymn—O Come All Ye Faithful.—School.

Recitation—"What Santa Overhead"—George Sloan.

Recitation—Christmas Night.—Bob Sloan.

Recitation—"Constant Christmas"—George Anderson.

Hymn—"The First, Nowell"—School.

Reading—"O Christmas Tree"—Elizabeth Anderson.

Hymn—"We Come Lord, To Thy Feat"—School.

Hymn—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—Quartette, Mrs. Sellers, M. Daniels, Mr. Bass, Elizabeth Anderson.

Recitation—"Christmas Doll"—Evel Whitney.

Hymn—"Silent Night"—School.

Recitation—"Here We Come A-calling"—Harry McConnell.

Recitation—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Neville Sloan.

Christmas Story—"The Christmas Chimes"—Mrs. R. D. Sisk.

Entrance of Santa Claus.

Distribution of gifts.

Hymn—"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"—School.

Save The Brood Sows

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 29.—Faced with the shortest crop of corn in recent years, farmers of the midwest are selling their hogs so rapidly that there are not pens enough to hold them in the great markets like Chicago. During the first week in December 383,000 hogs were sold in Chicago alone and in the eleven large markets, 1,106,000 hogs were sold. All kinds are being sold, runts, sows, unfinished and finished pigs—the sole idea being to get rid of them.

"This means but one thing for the North Carolina farmer," says W. W. Shay, in charge of swine extension for State College. "Save the brood sows and breed them next April. Any man who has a surplus of corn can afford to breed every sow that he can support during the next summer. Mr. Shay bases his recommendation on the history of hog raising in the past when a short corn crop has been followed by just such selling of hogs and this in turn by the heavy planting of corn again the following year. With plenty of corn next fall the hogs will look for pigs to feed. If there is a shortage of hogs, Mr. Shay says that during the winter of 1925-26 good hogs will pay the price of one and one-half bushels of corn for every bushel they eat.

Mr. Shay states that it is important that North Carolina farmers learn to think of the hog as a good medium through which to sell corn. He has not generally advocated an increase in the number of hogs for North Carolina but rather has urged the bettering of those on hand. How to improve those on hand is not to

TOURIST FARES TO FRANKLIN

The Following Letter Received By Secretary of the Board of Trade Explains Itself.

Dear Sir—Your letter of December 16th:

As you probably know we have for some time past published in our Summer Tourist tariffs Franklin, N. C. as a destination from territory within a radius of 250 miles of Cornelia, Ga., the practice being to construct such summer tourist fares at a combination over the published fare to Cornelia.

This has not been entirely satisfactory and we have had in mind for some time putting into the Summer Excursion tariffs total fares in dollars and cents applicable to Franklin thus making it easier for the ticket agent to be in position to inform the prospective traveler as to the cost of transportation and along with this we have been endeavoring to extend the territory from which these fares are applicable to Franklin.

I think we have now been successful in our efforts, and I take pleasure in quoting below a letter which was addressed to Mr. J. F. Gray, Receiver, Tallulah Falls Railway, under date of December 17th:

"Your letter of December 12th, file C. 158.

"Soon after our conference in Atlanta on the 10th we presented to the Rate Committee the question of additional representation in summer tourist to Clayton, Mountain City, Dillard and Franklin from all points in Georgia south of Atlanta, also from Alabama, Florida and New Orleans, La.

"There was no objection to the request, on the part of any of the Lines present, and we are very confident, therefore, that this additional representation which you desire will be included in the tariffs next season, and we will see that the tariffs are worked up accordingly."

You will observe from this record that we are going to take care of Franklin, N. C. very nicely next summer tourist season.

Yours very truly,
H. F. CARY
General Passenger Agent

Farmers Day Once a Month

County Agent Arrendale is working out a plan to have a farmers day once each month in Franklin. He hopes to put this into effect during the month of February. There are many advantages in having one day in each month devoted to the interest of the farmers. In the first place the farmer and his family can come to town on this day with the expectation of seeing their friends and relatives from all other sections of the county. While the program has not been thoroughly worked out Mr. Arrendale intends to have a specialist make a talk at the court house on some farming subject of interest to all farmers. There will also be free moving picture shows on this day. This will also be a good opportunity for the farmers to bring their produce to town and dispose of it to the best advantage. Nearly all the merchants of Franklin have agreed to co-operate with the county agent by offering some article on this particular day to the farmers at cost. The farmers can make out his list before leaving home and know just where to go to purchase supplies at cost. It is intended to have things so arranged that no two merchants will offer the same article. It is believed that by taking advantage of this offer the farmers can buy enough staples to last them until the next farmers day.

The following named merchants have agreed to sell one article at cost on each farmers day: H. Glen Brendle, Farmers Federation, Macon County Supply Co., S. A. Munday, J. T. Moore & Son, Jos. Asher & Brother, A. L. Epps, J. S. Trotter, J. S. Porter & Co., Franklio Pharmacy, W. C. Cunningham, Sloan Bros. & Co., Franklin Hardware Co., and C. W. ...

\$40,000,000 DUKE UNIVERSITY TRINITY COLLEGE WILL NOT BE LOST

Durham, Dec. 29.—Duke university came into being officially here today. Twenty-nine members of the board of trustees of Trinity college being all of the members with the exception of James B. Duke himself, voted in favor of acceptance of the princely offer of Mr. Duke and when the meeting adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, after deliberation of a little over one hour, Trinity college, had become a part of what will doubtless be one of the greatest universities in the country.

It was the realization of the fondest dreams of the officials of the institution.—Charlotte Observer.

Annual Report of the Board of Trade

January 1, 1925.
Hon. Sam L. Rogers,
President, Board of Trade,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir—As Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trade I have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1924:

Total amount subscribed.....	\$624.65
Total amount of subscriptions—paid in.....	414.65
Balance of subscriptions remaining unpaid at date.....	210.00
Expenditures for the year.....	414.65
Deficit to date.....	25.40

During the year 1924 the Board of Trade, due to lack of funds, was unable to advertise in the newspapers. However, innumerable booklets and folders were mailed to those who inquired concerning Franklin as a summer resort. In nearly all cases these inquiries were also answered by the Secretary by means of personal letters. Last summer was admittedly the best tourist season that Franklin has ever enjoyed. However, this does not prove that newspaper advertising is unnecessary. Many of those who wrote letters of inquiry had seen Franklin's advertisements of the previous year. Therefore, to get the full benefit of the tourist trade Franklin must advertise in the newspapers.

As to the activities of the Board of Trade in other respects attention is invited to the new telephone system now being installed. The Board of Trade is primarily and wholly responsible for the needed improvement.

For many years now Franklin has unsuccessfully tried to be placed on an equal footing with other stations on the Tallulah Falls Railway in respect to summer tourist rates. The fight has been a long and hard one. For more than a year now the present administration of the Board of Trade has been writing letters to railway officials concerning this apparent discrimination against Franklin. I am now happy to report that this fight is won. On the 25th of December we received a letter from Mr. H. F. Cary General Passenger Agent of the Southern Railway system, stating that Franklin's wishes had been complied with in regard to summer tourist rates. This letter will be published in the Franklin Press January 2nd.

The Board of Trade has had considerable correspondence with the state highway officials relative to the Georgia road. We have also closely co-operated with other local agencies in this regard. As a result the contract has been let for a 16-foot concrete road from Franklin to the Georgia line. In this connection I understand you have made two or three trips to Raleigh, without expense to the Board of Trade, in the interest of this road and also in the interest of the Highlands road. I understand also that you have visited the Forest Bureau at Washington with a view to having funds set aside with which to construct the Highlands road through the government forests.

The Board of Trade has also co-operated with the town officials in connection with the power dam with a view to getting new industries here to utilize the surplus power. A considerable number of letters have been written to individuals and to companies who contemplate building cotton mills and handle factories at Franklin. We are also in correspondence with a man who wishes to install an electric bakery in our town.

In the absence of any realty company specializing in farms lands the Board of Trade has listed several farms and put the owners in touch with prospective buyers.

CONTRACT

Site of Power Tested with Contract and Henry

According to the report of the contractor never safe to build on a site apparently solid. After out first testing to a depth of a diamond drill. The conditions apparently sures and cavities the placing of a hole thereon a dangerous subsequently Robert decided to test the of the proposed contract has been and Henwod to bore 30 holes on the dam site of 50 feet. The contract calls for \$600 per foot. It is expected that this work will begin about the middle of January.

West—Keenan

Miss Nanna Mae West of Franklin and Mr. Robert T. Keenan of Asheville were quietly married by Rev. A. J. Smith at his residence on December 17th. The bride's attendants were Misses Ora Patton and Gertrude Cavis.

Mrs. Keenan is the popular and accomplished daughter of Mr. Henry West of Franklin. The groom is a prosperous young business man with headquarters in Canton.

After the honeymoon through various parts of the state this young couple will be at home to the host of friends at the Central Hotel at Canton.

Hundreds of friends in Western North Carolina wish these young people a happy journey through life.

HOLLY SPRINGS NEWS

Mrs. Jones and daughter Nell of Jackson County, spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Kincaid.

Mrs. Sarah Corbin has been very sick the past week but is now improving some.

Mr. Dewey Corbin is home from Sunburst, N. C. spending the holidays.

Mr. Carey McCracken who has been at Vancouver, Washington is here visiting his many friends.

Mr. Robert McCracken of Winston-Salem, N. C. is home on a visit.

Mr. Floyd Justice of Winston-Salem spent a few days the past week with home folks.

Mrs. Sarah Kinsland is improving after several days sickness.

Mr. John Deal and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Berry.

Miss Lois Ferguson has returned home from Dr. Angel's hospital where she underwent an operation.

Miss Hazel Dalton spent a few days the past week with Miss Zella Hurst at Leatherman, N. C.

Mr. Charlie Williams has been sick the past few days.

Miss Lenwood Ingram had a number of her friends with her Friday night.

I AM YOUR TO

MAKE of me what you reflect you as clearly as a mirror throws back gleam.

If I am pleasing to the stranger within my gates such a thing, as having seen will remember me all his thing of beauty, the credit.

Ambition and opportunity some of my sons and daughters high tasks and mighty projects my greatest honor in far places, but I who are my strength is in those who content with what and with what was the great said: "Bettalian village."