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## Attorney General Rules Town Cannot Exempt New Industry From Taxes

### Board Wanted to Know If Concession Could Be Made to New Industries

In compliance with wishes of the Board of Commissioners, Town Attorney John B. Lewis recently wrote Attorney General Harry McMullan for a decision on what authority the town has to offer concessions as inducements for new industries to locate in Farmville.

The following letter has been received and was presented to the board at its regular meeting Tuesday night:

Mr. John B. Lewis,  
Town Attorney,  
Farmville, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Lewis:

I received your letter of March 10, in which you write me as follows: "As Town Attorney for the Town of Farmville, and at the request of the Mayor of the town, this is to inquire whether the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville are within their legal rights to exempt a new industry from the payment of taxes or any part thereof for a definite period of years or to exempt them in the payment of water and light charges in consideration of construction of a new industry. Would it make any difference if the concession went only to such industries as had a tax valuation of more than \$10,000?"

The town authorities, in my opinion, would not have any authority to exempt from taxation property of any person, firm or corporation except property which is exempt by law. See, G. S. 105-296 and 105-297 for the law as to the exemption of real and personal property.

I am also of the opinion that the town would not have the authority to exempt a new industry from the payment of charges for furnishing water and lights by the municipality, as this would be providing public facilities without charge, discriminating against other users of the facilities in the municipality. The fact that the industry might own property having a valuation of more than \$10,000 would not, in my opinion, change the situation in any respect.

Yours very truly,  
Harry McMullan, Attorney General  
Several other items came up for consideration and discussion.

The suggestion by Irvin Morgan of a rat extermination program was taken under advisement and the town is endeavoring to work out a campaign which will relieve the situation.

The board agreed that no town taxes would be levied on the dance the local V. F. W. post is sponsoring but the executives made it clear this concession is for this dance only and any additional dances will be considered separately.

Mayor Joyner read a letter from Dr. J. M. Barrett, Acting Health Officer of Pitt county, with reference to spraying houses. A motion by John Stansill, seconded by W. C. Wooten, was carried to the effect that the town will furnish the necessary labor to carry out the spraying campaign in the town.

There was a general discussion regarding the ditch near Bell's Warehouse. The board is inspecting this ditch with the view of installing a culvert.

On a motion by John Stansill, Stansill, seconded by Manly Liles, and carried, it was agreed that the Town of Farmville would have to sell a \$25,000 90-day note for completion of the street improvement program and Attorney Lewis was instructed to get in touch with the bond attorney and make necessary arrangements.

Water and Light Superintendent W. A. McAdams stated that within a short time the \$186,000 electric system bonds would have to be sold, and on a motion by Alex Allen, seconded by John Stansill, Attorney Lewis and Clerk C. M. Paylor were instructed to proceed with plans to carry out the sale.

### HOOKERTON UNION MEETS NEXT AT WALSTONBURG

The Hookerton Union of the Christian Church, which held its regular quarterly session last Saturday at Bell Arthur, will hold its next meeting on June 28 at Walstonburg. Sunday preceding the fifth Sunday is the scheduled time for the Union assembly.

Wednesday's assembly will well be featured with well-attended sessions. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Darden, one of the members of the church, who through the kindness of Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro, which institution he held until his death, secured a number of the best of the breed of Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro, which institution he held until his death.

### At The Rotary Club

The business session at the Rotary Club, Tuesday evening, was taken up with discussions and plans for the twenty-fifth anniversary banquet.

Frank Dupree, program chairman, suggested that the members attend the pre-Easter service at the Baptist church in a body, which they did.

W. A. McAdams won the attendance prize.

### Telephone Strike

#### Will Not Affect Local Service

Interruption of Service With Connecting Companies Will Limit These Calls To Emergencies Only, Says Company Official

The strike of telephone and communication workers, which may go into effect early next week and threatens to paralyze many of the nation's facilities, will have no effect on local service but may have some bearing on long distance calls to a point which can not be reached by facilities of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The following letter from the Tarboro office of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company is self-explanatory:

"Any interruption of service due to work stoppage in either of the Bell System Companies with which we connect will limit the calls to or through those companies to emergency only.

"An example of such a condition existed during the past year when a work stoppage of a few hours was experienced in the connecting Bell System Companies.

"We do not anticipate any interruption in the service within our company where the points can be reached over our own facilities."

### John H. Coward Dies At Ayden Monday

John H. Coward, auditor of Pitt county for the past 14 years, died at his home in Ayden at 11 o'clock Monday night following a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock followed by interment in Ayden cemetery. All offices in the Pitt county courthouse were closed Wednesday out of respect for Coward and all ABC stores in the county closed at noon and remained closed for the day.

Coward was born in Greene county October 5, 1887, the son of the late John H. Coward and Olivia Carr Coward Darden. After attending private school in his early youth, he continued his education at the University of North Carolina where he received his BA degree in 1908. Following graduation he taught one year in the Ormondville high school and spent the next year in the Bank of Ayden. He then turned his attention to merchandise and conducted a supply business in Ayden until 1928 when he became affiliated with the J. B. Harvey Company as acting manager until 1932. In that year he became district manager of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, with offices in Greenville. On January 1, 1933, he was appointed tax supervisor and auditor for Pitt county which position he held until his death.

In December, 1910, Coward married Blanche Winnifred Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cannon of Ayden. There were five children born to this union, as follows: Gertrude Coward of the faculty of WCUNC, Greensboro, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Richmond, Va.; J. H. Coward, Jr., Grifton, Air Cadet Graham Coward, who died in the service of his country July 29, 1943, and Reid Coward, a student at State College in Raleigh. Other survivors are two grandchildren and two half-brothers, William Darden, of Greenville, and F. C. Darden of Greene county.

Coward was a member of Ayden Christian Church and on the board of deacons. He was a charter member of the Ayden Rotary Club and was president in 1939. He was a former member of the city council of Ayden and in 1930 he was president of the Tax Supervisors Association of North Carolina. In 1919, he served as a member of the board of trustees of Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro, which institution he held until his death.

### LOCAL GLEE CLUB WILL TAKE PART IN AYDEN FESTIVAL

Forty-five members of the glee club under the direction of Miss Rosemary Holmes will sing at the Ayden Music Festival, Friday, April 11.

### WESLEY EASTER SERVICE

The Wesley Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 5:15 on the Wesley Sunday School grounds, Sunday morning. The program will take the form of a pageant.

The Third Army was tested for and awarded a specific type of warfare. Advanced armored elements moved through many positions, including those and left stores moving units to new positions.

### Pre-School Clinics Are Scheduled To Begin Next Tuesday

Farmville Physicians Will Conduct Examinations Here Friday, April 11th; Parents Asked To Come With Children

The pre-school examinations in the Pitt county and city schools will begin next Tuesday, according to a statement issued by Dr. J. M. Barrett, Acting Health Officer.

Not only will the pre-school children be examined and vaccinated, but in addition, the mothers may bring babies over six months of age and runabout children as well for vaccinations.

It is extremely important that the parent come with the children to the clinic to discuss the child's health with the doctor.

Following is a schedule of the pre-school clinics:

Arthur—Tuesday, April 8; Dr. D. L. Moore.

Bethel—Tuesday, April 8; Drs. Garrenton and Hemingway.

Ayden—Wednesday, April 9; Dr. M. T. Frizelle.

Chico—Wednesday, April 16; Dr. Herbert Hadley.

Belvoir—Wednesday, April 9; Dr. C. Garrenton.

Falkland—Thursday, April 10; Dr. Fred Irons.

Fountain—Friday, April 11, at 1 P. M.; Dr. E. B. Beasley.

Farmville—Friday, April 11; Drs. Meadows, Fitzgerald and Williams.

West Greenville—Wednesday, April 16; Drs. Malene Irons and D. L. Moore.

3rd Street—Friday, April 11; Drs. Haar and Pace.

Training School—Thursday, April 17; Drs. Brooks and Aycock.

Grimesland—Tuesday, April 15; Dr. C. H. Spiggle.

Grifton—Friday, April 18; Dr. E. V. Tucker.

Pactohus—Friday, April 18; Dr. Francis Norris.

Stokes—Tuesday, April 15; Dr. Francis Norris.

Winterville—Monday, April 14; Dr. A. M. Mumford.

All clinics will open at 9 o'clock with the exception of the Fountain clinic which begins at 1 in the afternoon.

The importance of the pre-school clinics is emphasized in the following letter which Principal J. H. Moore is sending patrons:

Dear Patron:

We plan to have our pre-school clinic on April 11 at 9:00 a. m. At this clinic, your child will not only be given a physical examination but he will be vaccinated. (You perhaps know that the law requires that a child be vaccinated against smallpox, diphtheria, and whooping cough before entering school.) Vaccination for smallpox and diphtheria will be done at the school but whooping cough vaccination, which is made up of four doses given one week apart, will be done later on at the typhoid clinics. (Babies and other small children will be vaccinated at the pre-school clinics as well as at the typhoid clinics.)

We feel that one of the most important things that the parent can do for the child in getting him ready for school is to first have him vaccinated and carefully examined. There is no cost for the vaccinations or the examinations at the school. Along with this letter, we are attaching certain blanks which we hope you will fill out as thoroughly as you can and return them to the school as soon as possible. We certainly hope it will be possible for you to come to the pre-school clinic with your child for it is always helpful for the doctor to talk to the parent about the child's health and of course the principal would like to meet the parent before the child actually enters school.

### BUNDY SPEAKS IN GREENVILLE AND BENSON

Sam D. Bundy, secretary of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker at the Meadowbrook Presbyterian Men's Club in Greenville on Wednesday night of this week and on Thursday night he was guest speaker at the Ladies Night and Anniversary Meeting of the Benson Kiwanis Club. Mr. Bundy was governor of the Carolinas Kiwanis District when the Benson club was chartered in 1945.

At Greenville, he spoke on "Building a Better Life Through Service." At Benson, he spoke humorously on "Human Relationships" and seriously on "Kiwanis Builds."

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### Sunrise Service Sunday To Climax Special Program

Farmville's Congregations Will Return To Individual Churches At 11 O'clock For Sunday Service; Union Meeting Tonight

The series of special union Easter services will be climaxed with a sunrise service Sunday morning at 6:30 at the Farmville Christian Church and congregations will return to their regular churches for the 11 o'clock worship.

Pastors who compose the Ministers' Council, sponsor of the union services, have been especially gratified at the fine manner in which their members have been attending the Holy Week services. The fourth in the series will be held tonight (Friday) at 7:30 in the Christian Church. The sermon will be by Rev. E. R. Clegg, Methodist minister.

The Baptists were hosts on Tuesday night, the start of the series. Wednesday night, the Methodist Church was the scene of the service and Thursday night the Presbyterians were hosts.

The Episcopalians will hold a Good Friday service in their church at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, with Rev. J. R. Rountree bringing the message. He will also deliver a special message in keeping with the day, Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Easter sermon topics of the four ministers on the Ministers' Council follow:

At the Baptist Church, Rev. E. W. Holmes will preach about "The Age Long Question." His topic for the evening service will be "Radiant Living from the Lord's Resurrection."

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Christian minister, states that his morning topic is "Power of the Resurrection" and that there will be a celebration of Holy Communion. "A New Walk with Christ" is the evening topic.

The Presbyterian pastor, Rev. E. S. Coates, will speak to his congregation about "The Victory of Easter."

"God Is Omnipotent" is the message that Rev. E. R. Clegg will bring at the Methodist Church on Easter morning.

The idea of Easter is well expressed in the following two selections:

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,  
Back of the flour, the mill,  
Back of the mill is the wheat and the shower,  
And the sun and the Father's will."

"I don't care what they say with their mouths—everybody knows that something is eternal. And it ain't houses, and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even stars—everybody knows in their bones that something is eternal, and that something had to do with human beings. All the great people who have ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. There's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being."

From Our Town—By Thornton Willder.

Easter Sunday, the Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church at 9:30 o'clock followed by the Benediction. Father Benedict Mahon will deliver a special Easter message.

Special music will be rendered at most of the churches.

Building Permits Issued By The City For Month of March

The following permits were issued by the Town of Farmville during the month of March for the purpose of building or remodeling:

H. D. Johnson, Agent, general repairs, \$200.00.  
Mrs. Canary D. Thomas, general repairs, \$100.00.  
Moses Barrett, residence, \$2,000.00.  
Marcell Daughtry, residence \$1,800.  
J. M. Smith, Addition to building, \$1,500.00.

Will Davis, general repairs, \$500.  
C. E. Knight, residence, \$4,000.00.  
Will Chestnut, chairman Community Baptist, \$1,000.  
A. C. Monk & Co., Inc., factory and storage building, \$10,000.  
Wright Edwards and Bennett Gorham, outside stairway, \$35.00.  
A total of \$21,135.00.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS  
Jimmy Allen, Jack Turnage, and Hubert Garrix, Langa 4-H Club members, entered calves in the livestock show which was held in Rocky Mount, Wednesday and Thursday.

The boys and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Garrix, were guests of the Rocky Mount Lions Club at a dinner at the Ricks Hotel, Wednesday evening.

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### Veterans' Housing Group Purchases Dwelling Units

Corporation Papers Issued And Local Boys Send Money To Atlanta For 14 Of The Pre-Fabricated Structures

Determined veterans, who several weeks ago set about to relieve the acute housing shortage insofar as they are concerned, early this week took a long step toward achieving their objective when money for 14 of the pre-fabricated four-room units was forwarded to government officials in Atlanta.

Corporation papers which legalized efforts of the ex-servicemen and brought them under requirements of existing regulations were completed several days before the boys made the deposit on their homes. Incorporators were listed as Chester Outland, D. L. Donnell, Jr., and M. Hardy.

All of the houses are standing in Alexander Park, a couple of miles west of Portsmouth, Va., and local citizens who have seen the homes have been pleasantly surprised at their compactness and stability. One of the main things against which the veterans must guard is damage to the structure in dismantling it.

Wrecking crews have developed into a fine art the task of taking the dwellings down. Last Friday afternoon, two Farmville citizens interested in the project visited Portsmouth and watched one crew completely dismantle one of the houses while they stood by. The job required less than two hours. These men were not too careful with the manner in which they handled the sections, however, and veterans are advised to take more time and do the job better.

Farmville's Board of Commissioners Tuesday night endorsed the efforts of the group and adopted a suitable resolution which will be forwarded to government officials.

On motion of Commissioner Manly Liles, the board adopted the following:

"Whereas the housing situation is critical in the Town of Farmville and especially for those who have returned from the service, whereas the veterans of the Town of Farmville have petitioned and secured a charter for the Farmville Veterans' Housing Corporation and this corporation has applications for approximately 15 houses, and whereas the said houses are badly needed in the Town of Farmville and would greatly relieve the veterans who desire to reside here,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville in regular session on April 1, 1947, do hereby endorse, approve, and encourage the project of the Farmville Veterans' Housing Corporation in its effort to secure 15 housing units from the War Assets Administration for the World War II veterans of Farmville, North Carolina."

The motion was seconded by Alex Allen.

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## V.F.W. Post Honors First And Last Farmville Sons To Die In World War II

### At The Kiwanis Club

The club celebrated its second anniversary last Monday evening at its regular weekly meeting. Sam Bundy talked briefly on the progress that the club had made since it was organized. A past governor of this Kiwanis district, he praised the club very highly and complimented it on outstanding achievements that it has accomplished in so short a while. The membership of the club has increased from 25 to 46 at the present time.

Mayor Jim Joyner had charge of the program for the evening and gave a most interesting talk on "What do you know about your fire insurance policy?" He explained in detail the new coverages that fire insurance covered that many policy holders were unaware of. The speaker explained the fact that one now receives more protection at less cost than he did as far back as 1924. In connection with the subject, he explained the origin of fire insurance and stated that the laws of North Carolina were noted for their efficiency. Jim remarked that after a number of years, the various insurance companies backed by their supporters finally influenced Congress that insurance is commercial. This issue was debated over a period of approximately 75 years and was a great victory for the insurance companies. The State of North Carolina alone receives over \$3,000,000 annually from the insurance companies.

Carl Hicks will be in charge of the program next Monday night.

### Presbyterians Favor Construction New Church Edifice

Congregation Decides Present Building Too Small And Not Practical To Enlarge It

In a special congregational meeting Sunday morning at the close of the regular service, Farmville Presbyterians unanimously authorized church officials to procure a suitable building lot and proceed with the construction of a new church building.

For several months, the congregation had debated the question of what to do about securing additional space. One of the proposals was to enlarge the present church, install a heating plant and make other improvements. An architect from the Presbytery was called in for advice. He conferred on two different occasions with local leaders and then recommended that a new structure be undertaken.

Anticipating the necessity for improved and enlarged quarters, the congregation a few years back started a sinking fund and has been adding to it each year. Several thousand dollars accumulated in this manner form a sizeable nest egg for the building fund. Costs of the new church have not been determined but \$20,000 was the figure around which the discussion centered.

The need for additional space was clearly evidenced Sunday night when members of all churches participating in the fifth Sunday union service worshipped with the Presbyterians. All seats were filled and additional chairs were brought in to accommodate the overflow.

Awards of the Purple Heart and Air Medal were made to his mother. Pfc. Rouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herman Rouse, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, November 19, 1943, and received his training at Parris Island, S. C., Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, Calif. He left the States, July 20, 1944, for Hawaii. Landing on Iwo Jima, February 16, 1945, with the 5th Marines, his division was bitterly opposed by the Japs from the mountain top. As he went over the top of the ridge he was mortally wounded and died instantly and was buried in the 6th Marine Cemetery along with 1876 officers and enlisted men who gave their lives in the capture of the island, according to a letter from Chaplain H. E. Van Meter. This cemetery was dedicated March 31, 1945.

The Purple Heart and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medals were awarded posthumously.

Rouse was 21 years old January 6, 1945.

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### Burnette-Rouse Post Makes Plans For Blood Bank And Other Worth-While Community Projects

Meeting last Friday night in the City Hall, Farmville Veterans of Foreign Wars honored the memory of all native sons who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II by naming the post after the first and last local men killed in the conflict.

The first of these was Tech. Sgt. Herbert Henry Burnette and the second, Pfc. Thomas Herman Rouse. Henceforth, the official name of the organization will be the Burnette-Rouse Post.

Dedicatory services will be held at a later date to commemorate these two men and their buddies who died with them.

Since it was impossible to single out all of Farmville's casualties for the honor, the VFW choice is symbolic in that it includes all who perished between the dates these two were killed.

Hugh Marr, of Elizabeth City, district commander, was prevented from attending the meeting on account of illness. This marked the second time that Mr. Marr had been scheduled to meet with the boys, only to be unavoidably detained. The post did have as its guests the new commander and adjutant of the Charles Gray Morgan Post, Greenville.

Plans for the establishment of a walking blood bank were discussed and the post decided to form one. It is a county-wide project with no charge to the persons to whom blood is donated. More complete details of this project will be announced after all the necessary information has been assembled.

The club also—

Voted to meet on Thursday nights in the Redmen's Hall over Tugwell's Cafe. The post meets next on Thursday night, April 10, at 7:30.

Accepted the applications of 14 new members who increased the post membership to 77.

Voted to have a public dance in the high school gymnasium Friday, April 18th