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MR. J. A. THOMAS DEAD

Passed Away on Tuesday Night at 10:30 O'clock

After an Illness of About Three Months—Funeral Procession One of the Largest in Many Years—Services at Methodist Church—Business in General Suspended—Floral Tributes Profuse.

Departed this life on Tuesday night at 10:30, James Adolphus Thomas, owner and editor of this paper. Mr. Thomas was 53 years old, and his entire life's work has been done in this county, and the hearts of its citizens are stunned with grief "as the heart of one man."

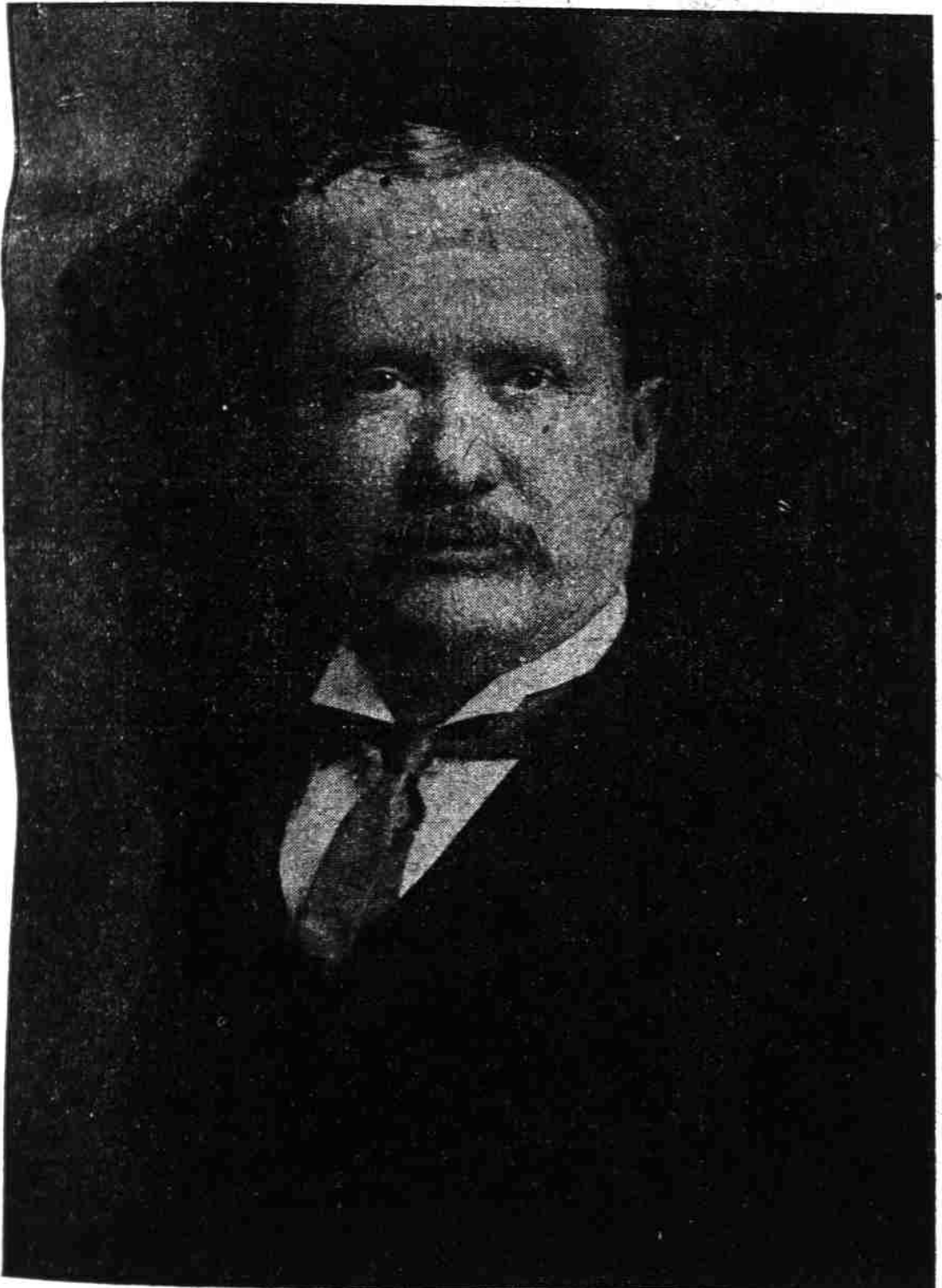
For weeks the shadow of the coming sorrow has hung over us. We have hoped against hope that "the cup might pass," but such was not the will of our Heavenly Father. The true, loving heart has ceased to beat, the strong helping hand will never more grasp ours in tender sympathy. When trials and difficulties drive us almost to despair, we can no longer rely upon his broad mind and sound judgment to point to the path which will lead from darkness to light.

For thirty years he has so edited the FRANKLIN TIMES that it has been an inspiration to brotherly love and progress. Each week it has entered our homes to cheer and uplift.

He was honored throughout the State, but it is in Franklin County, in Louisburg, in his Church and above all in his family that he will be mourned and missed.

"The hand of the reaper takes the sheaf that is hoary
And the voice of the weeper, wails manhood in Glory."

His work is finished, he has gone in and out among us for all



these years. No words of ours can add to, or detract from his life's record which is, and has been an open book.

He loved to live and it was hard, very hard to leave his children and other near and dear relatives, but, he had so lived.

"That when the summons came to join the innumerable caravan, that moves,

To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death.

Then go not, like the quarry-slave at night, Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed,

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave, Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch,

About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The end came not upon him as a "thief in the night." Weeks ago he began to put his house in order, and beautifully did his beloved Pastor in his remarks portray what had shone in his face all these weary weeks. "Thy will be done."

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his."

The funeral services were held in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. F. A. Bishop, his pastor. From thence his remains were taken to the cemetery and laid to rest by the side of his wife who had preceded him only about two and one half years ago. The following were the pall-bearers: Honorary—C. C. Daniels, H. C. Kearney, C. M. Cooke, T. S. Collier, J. H. Uzzell, J. H. Cooke, W. M. Boone, R. B. White, F. B. McKinne, M. S. Clifton, B. T. Holden, W. H. Allen, Active—J. M. Allen, J. J. Barrow, L. P. Hicks, F. S. Spruill, J. B. Yarborough, J. R. Collier.

The floral tributes were most profuse and bore evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by his many friends, and the procession was one of the longest seen here in many years.

There was a large number of friends from all over the county and abroad present to witness the last sad rites to so good a man. The Masons attended the services in a body, allowing the corpse and the family to pass through their ranks at the church.

FRANKLIN SUP'R COURT.

CONVENED ON MONDAY AUGUST 23RD, 1909.

Hon. C. M. Cooke, Judge Presiding and Solicitor C. C. Daniels, both present, and Court Opened on Time.

The August term of Franklin Superior Court, for the trial of criminal cases, only, convened here on Monday morning promptly at 10 o'clock.

The charge to the jury by Hon. C. M. Cooke, Judge presiding was both strong and instructive and was highly complimented by many who heard it. Solicitor C. C. Daniels, of Wilson, arrived Sunday and was present at the opening of court. He represented the interests of the State in his usual strong and energetic manner. The Grand Jury was composed of the following: O. S. Macon, E. S. Green, J. C. Wheless, J. E. Hall, Peter Collins, J. T. Fisher, R. H. Richardson, J. C. Leonard, D. T. Hollingsworth, R. A. Pearce, A. B. Perry, M. C. Gupton, E. B. Preddy, J. C. Layton, T. W. Wheless, C. R. Sandling. E. S. Green was made foreman.

After the charges to the juries and the retirement of the grand jury to its room the following cases were taken up and disposed of:

State vs Bill Evans, disturbing public worship, capias and continued.

State vs W. J. Nash, c. c. w., defendant pleads guilty, fined \$15 and costs.

State vs W. R. Baker, Bennie Baker, Nick Wheeler, Wesley Holloway and Phil Ayescue, assault, Ayescue and Wheeler guilty of assault with deadly weapon—Ayescue sentenced to fifteen days in jail, Wheeler to pay \$15 and one-half costs. Holloway guilty of simple assault and was fined \$5 and one-half costs. W. R. and Bennie Baker not guilty.

State vs Henry Pope, murder, found guilty of murder in second degree. In this case the Solicitor stated to the court that the State would not ask for a verdict in the first degree.

State vs William Green, l. and r. pleads guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs Ralph High, l. and r., pleads guilty, 12 months on roads.

State vs Jordan Yarborough, c. c. w., guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

State vs Jordan Yarborough, l. and r., not guilty.

State vs Walter Harris, a. d. w., guilty.

State vs John Perry, failure to furnish team to half share tennant, not guilty.

State vs Willie Capell, defendant called and failed, judgment nisi scifa and capias instanter.

State vs Earl Hall, a. d. w., defendant pleads guilty, judgment suspended.

State vs Earl Hall, c. c. w., pleads guilty, fined \$20 and costs.

State vs Phil Alston, murder, guilty of murder in the second degree.

The Grand Jury finished up their work on Wednesday evening and after visiting the jail and county home presented the following report to the Judge presiding:

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable C. M. Cooke Judge presiding and holding the August Term of Franklin Superior Court:

We the Grand Jury for said Term respectfully report the following: We have examined all Bills given us in charge, and have inquired into all matters that have come to our knowledge.

We have visited the County Jail in a body, and find same in good condition, Sanitary and otherwise.

Upon examinations of the offices of the Court House we find them

well kept and all the records in first class shape.

We have visited the Home of the Aged and Infirm and find the same well kept and in good sanitary condition and the inmates well cared for and satisfied.

We recommend that the County Commissioners purchase some comfortable chairs for the Petit Jury to make them comfortable during their deliberations. Also that the jury room be whitewashed.

Upon your charge as to matters concerning the funds disbursed &c. of the Town of Louisburg. We have thoroughly examined into the matter and diligently searched the Records, and find that there are no charges of fraud, or that any funds were squandered or are being misappropriated. We find that the town affairs, by good practical expenses, by good practical expenses, and with more economy used can be of much benefit to the Taxpayers. We find that all officers who handle funds are bonded except the Superintendent of Water and Electric Lights. The Treasurer's account for the past two years has been audited, and the auditing Committee are now diligently at work auditing the account of the Superintendent of Light and Water, but have not yet completed the work. This information was obtained by having the Mayor, all of the Town Commissioners before our body that were in Town.

Respectfully submitted,
E. S. GREEN,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Personal.

Tom Capell, of Weldon, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. D. C. Strickland left Monday for New York.

Miss Pearl Lassiter, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. Julia Scott.

Miss Meta Gulley, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. Rosamond Ragsdale.

Miss Beatrice Yarboro, of Spring Hope, is visiting at Mrs. R. Y. Yarboro's.

Mr. Henry Perry and family, of Henderson, spent Saturday with Mr. E. C. Perry.

Misses Beth English and Leslie Houston, of Monroe, are visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Peoples, of Jackson, visited at Mr. S. P. Boddie's the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farris, of Harrisburg, Pa., are visiting Miss Mollie Strickland, near town.

Mrs. D. C. High and Mr. J. C. Tucker and wife returned home from a visit to Ocean View one day last week.

Miss Lucy Hawkins, who has been visiting friends and relatives in town the past week, left Monday for her home at Pittsboro.

Miss Mamie High, the trained nurse who has been attending the editor for the past two weeks returned to her home in Franklinton yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allen left Saturday for an extended visit to Washington and Oregon, and will take in the exposition at Seattle. They expect to be away about a month.

Mr. Hubert Martin, Private Secretary to Senator Lee S. Overman arrived in town yesterday to the great delight of his many friends here who are always glad to shake the hand of Hubert.

Mr. W. G. Thomas, wife and daughter, Miss Mamie, Mr. H. I. Thomas, of Raleigh and Mrs. J. H. Lookamy, of Lamberts Point, Va., were in town to attend the funeral of their brother, Mr. J. A. Thomas, this week.

Among those who left here Tuesday morning to attend the Confederate veterans reunion at Charlotte, this week, were Messrs. C. C. Williams, H. S. Gupton, A. S. Strother, W. H. Hill, T. P. Harris, Robt. Pinnell, J. L. Bowden, S. H. Horton,

FRANKLIN'S TAXABLES.

VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY REAL AND PERSONAL.

As Figured out by the Register of Deeds for the Year 1909—Small Increase Over Last Year.

According to the figures of the Register of Deeds, who, with his force has completed the tax list for 1909, the county's taxable property, real and personal, is as follows:

White polls, 2, 221.

Acres of land, whites, 277,330, town lots 685—total value of real property of whites, \$2,752,105.

Value of mineral, timber or quarry lands in which rights to soil is in one person and other rights in other persons \$2,743.

Value of mineral, timber or quarry lands or interests, etc., \$124,328

Horses, 1,883—value \$136,533

Mules, 1,728—value \$147,522

Jacks and Jennets, 1—Value \$150.

Goats, 132—value \$166

Cattle, 5,196—value \$66,473

Hogs, 7,041—value \$29,796

Sheep, 991—value \$1,401

Dogs, 38—value \$743

Bicycles, 43—value \$435

Value of farming utensils \$20,345

Value of tools of mechanics \$2,708

Value of household and kitchen furniture, wearing apparel and libraries \$103,887.

Value of provisions, \$44,228.

Value of firearms, \$8,328.

Value of scientific instruments, \$1,004.

Money on hand, \$178,149

Solvent credits, \$396,118

Money invested in stocks, bonds, etc., \$210

Value of cotton in seed or lint, \$80,942

Value of tobacco leaf or manufactured, \$22,349

Value of brandy and whiskey \$97

Value of musical instruments \$28,041

Value of plated and silverware \$7,664.

Value of watches and jewelry \$15,087.

Value of goods, wares and merchandise, \$192,377.

chandise, \$701.

Value of all other personal property, whatsoever, \$18,514.

Aggregate value of real and personal property, colored, \$389,437.

Total value of real and personal property of both races, \$4,921,463, this shows an increase of \$219,110 over last year.

The above list does not include railroads, telegraph corporations or insurance.

A. B. Collier Dead.

Died at his residence on Spring St., Sunday, August 22nd. Arch B. Collier after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Collier was 56 years old and leaves a wife and four sons to mourn his loss. He married a daughter of the late D. F. Murphy, of Franklin County. Seven children blessed their union, three little girls having preceded him to the far away land. He was a good citizen, and will be missed by his circle of friends. His remains were interred in the cemetery.

Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on Friday night. President Collier called the meeting to order and in the absence of Secretary Fleming, A. F. Johnson was requested to act temporary.

The matter of some public entertainment for Louisburg was discussed at length when the President appointed Messrs T. D. Tract, Ivey Allen, W. H. Reffin and P. A. Reava to suggest a committee to act with a like committee from the Tobacco Board of Trade to ascertain the feeling and wishes of the business men of the town in regard to some public entertainment with an end to advertising the town. These gentlemen reported the names of J. A. Turner, G. W. Ford, F. A. Reava, M. S. Davis and F. N. Egerton for the committee. When they were appointed by the President. This committee was instructed to get the desired information and be ready to make their report at the meeting on next Friday night.

There being no other business brought before the body a motion was made to adjourn until next Friday night which was carried and adjournment was taken.

Lawn Party.

On Thursday evening of last week at the home of their parents, Misses Ora Lee and May Jones entertained a number of their friends in honor of their birthdays. Miss May's which occurred the seventeenth and Miss Ora Lee's the twenty-third of this month. The lawn was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns, at one end of the lawn Mrs. H. A. Matthews, presided over the punch bowl, which remained one of a bubbling spring in the midst of a forest. The game of flowers was played Mr. T. C. Gill winning the first prize and Miss Pearl Rowland booby. Those present were Messrs Mamie and Hallie Davis, Pearl Rowland, Maude Harris, Mary Jones Cottrell, Chellie, Ora Lee, May, Helen and Carrie Jones, Messrs. Thomas Gill, Bennie and Ray Rowland, Joe, Frank and Henry Mitchell, Peter Foster, Norman and Dot Pinnell, Nicholas, Pace, Jammie and K. Marshall, Allen Harris, John and Fisher Beasley. Music was furnished by the Epsom band. After spending a most enjoyable evening the great departed wishing for the two young ladies many more years of happiness.

Examination.

There will be an examination for public school teachers at Louisburg on Thursday, Sept. 9th for whites, on Saturday Sept. 11th for colored teachers.