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FRANKLIN SUP'R. COURT

APRIL TERM CONVENED ON MONDAY MORNING

Many Whiskey Cases, Larceny And Assault Cases—Report of Grand Jury—Two Murder Cases.

The regular April term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of criminal and civil cases convened in the court house here promptly at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning with his Honor Judge Cline presiding. The charge of the Judge was one of much information and delivered in a strong and forceful manner. He paid respects to all classes of crime and left no stone unturned that the jurors might fully understand their duty.

The State was represented by Solicitor R. G. Allbrook, who was present at the opening and ably upheld the interests of the State's contentions. After completing the routine of opening the following were selected and sworn a Grand Jury: R. H. Strickland, Foreman, T. J. Harris, W. R. Lafater, Calius Chamblee, Jessie Griffin, E. L. Green, W. E. May, J. A. Pippin, S. S. Strickland, C. C. Winston, W. H. Wood, L. E. Winston, D. E. Harris, A. A. Clifton, Geo. W. Harris, T. H. Dickens, W. E. Uzzell, J. A. Mumford, S. J. Alford was sworn officer to grand jury. This being completed the court took up the criminal docket and disposed of cases as follows:

State vs Sam Dickerson, abandonment, the order of the court having been complied with the defendant was discharged.

State vs Joe D. Ferguson, retailing, the defendant appearing before court and having shown good behavior the case was continued under former order.

State vs Claude Eaton, retailing, case continued upon showing the court good behavior.

State vs R. Y. McAden, speeding, nol pros.

State vs Wallace Perry, larceny, nol pros.

State vs J. J. Wheeler, abatement, nol pros with leave.

State vs Clyde Gupton, Otis Wright, et als, a. d. w., nol pros with leave.

State vs Tinker Perry, a. d. w. capias and continued.

State vs J. Henry Arnold, burning barn capias and continued.

State vs Henry Mitchell, a d w, capias and continued.

State vs John Matthews, manslaughter, court orders commitment to issue upon certificate of Supreme court.

State vs Pettigrew Young, disturbing public meeting, nol pros with leave.

State vs Norma King, house burning, court orders commitment to issue upon certificate of Supreme court.

State vs Dock Ford, retailing, capias and continued.

State vs Loomis Harris, a e r, capias and continued.

State vs Dock Ford, retailing, capias and continued.

State vs Perry Macon, murder capias and continued.

State vs Henry Mitchell, a d w, nol pros with leave.

State vs Henry Mitchell and Jake Andrews, a d w, nol pros with leave.

State vs Charlie Spivey, c e w., waives bill and pleads guilty, fined \$15 and costs.

State vs Peter Upchurch, c e w., waives bill and pleads guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Donaldson Carpenter, a d w, guilty of assault with pistol in his own yard.

State vs George Taylor, forcible trespass, defendant submits, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Burt Smith, nuisance, pleads guilty, fined \$15 and costs.

State vs Press Clifton, larceny, not guilty.

State vs Burt Smith, c e w, nol pros.

State vs Letha Ann Wilson, retailing guilty.

State vs Norman McKnight, forgery, pleads guilty, four years in the penitentiary.

State vs Norman McKnight, forgery, pleads guilty, judgment suspended.

State vs Willie Hart, larceny, pleads guilty, three years on roads.

State vs Delaware Smith, larceny, pleads guilty, 12 months on roads.

State vs J. M. Place, a d w, nol guilty.

State vs Ephraim Green, forcible trespass, pleads guilty, fined \$15 and costs.

State vs Donaldson Carpenter, a d w, enters plea of no contenders judgment that defendant enter into a bond of \$100 for his appearance at court on Monday, April 21st.

State vs Earman Carter and L. W. Doyle, a d w, guilty as to both.

State vs Percy Mings, c e w, pleads guilty 30 days on roads.

State vs Press White, retailing, prisoner discharged provided he refrain from violations of this kind within twelve months, otherwise he is to be committed to the roads when apprehended.

State vs Andrew Cadell, retailing, guilty, fined \$50 and costs.

State vs Peter Wheless, retailing, guilty.

State vs Amos Medlin, a d w, guilty.

State vs Fred Perry, manslaughter, not guilty.

State vs Richard Stokes Jr. and Daon Hayes, crap shooting, not guilty.

Case of State vs Garfield Wilkins, for the murder of Mary Sills, was set for this morning.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury who completed their work on Wednesday afternoon and were discharged with the thanks of the court:

To HONORABLE E. B. CLINE, JUDGE PRESIDING AND HOLDING THE APRIL TERM 1913 OF FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT:

We the Grand Jury for said term beg leave to make the following report, for the said term:

We have passed on all bills which have come to our knowledge, and have investigated all matters which have been brought before us. We have visited the county jail in a body and find the same in good sanitary condition, the prisoners after being asked, said they were all pleased with their treatment.

We have visited the Stockade, in which convicts are kept who are worked on the Roads of Louisburg Township, and find the same in good sanitary condition, and upon inquiry find the prisoners well satisfied. We have visited the City Market, and find the same in a good sanitary condition.

We have visited the several County Offices and find the same well kept and all the records properly kept and indexed.

We are informed that the county commissioners have advertised for bids for building a new court house on the old site of the present one, and therefore we make no recommendations in regard to same.

Our committee has visited the county home and find buildings in good condition, beds and clothing clean and neat, inmates well cared for, find the land plowed better and producing a larger yield per acre, and commend Mr. E. N. Williams for improvements made on farm.

We recommend that the Court order the Louisburg township road trustees to have the roads that were reported to the Court as being in bad condition repaired at once and report at next term of Court, showing roads repaired as per order.

We further recommend that the Court order the Road Trustees of Franklin township to have the road leading out from Joe Strickland's by Moses Neal's and the Cooke place repaired at once and report the repairing of same at the next term of Court.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. H. STRICKLAND, Foreman.

Puts in New Machinery.

Mr. W. W. Webb informs us he has just completed putting down a large new boiler for his saw mill near town. He has also recently installed a slab conveyer at his band mill, which is a wonder in the way of lumber machinery. With these additions his is one of the most complete mills in this section.

To Erect New Residence.

Mr. M. C. Pleasants began the work of tearing down his residence on east Nash street on Monday preparatory to the erection of a nice and thoroughly modern residence which will in all probability cost about \$5000.00. The new building will be located practically on the same spot of the old one. When completed it will be a handsome structure. Mr. M. S. Davis has the contract.

Annual Inspection.

The annual inspection of Louisburg Rifles was held on last Friday. The boys were out in a large per cent and made a splendid showing. The inspecting officers who were brought over from Franklinton by automobile drove straight to the ball park where the company was drilling and the inspection was soon over. After dinner hour the inspection of the property began. Although no expression could be gotten from the officers it is generally understood the company made a fine and satisfactory showing. The inspecting officers were Col. Roberson for the State and Capt. Landgon from the regular army.

REPORT OF SUPT. BECK

TO THE BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Concerning Water and Light Plant—Report a Little Old But Covers Present Conditions.

We publish below a report of Superintendent R. C. Beck, of the town's water and light plants, showing the existing conditions on May 15th 1913. We are informed by Supt. Beck that the same conditions exist today with the exception of a proper allowance for increased number of customers and a natural depreciation of the meters that were in good shape when this report was made. The report follows in full, with the exception of a slight arrangement of the names of the customers mentioned:

May 15, 1912.
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners:

The following is a report showing the condition of the light and water plant also a list of names of customers receiving water and lights at a minimum rate, and those that have no meters at all, also suggestions that I feel will be a benefit to the town. Names showing minimum rates mean that they have meters but for some cause have not been read for a year or more. The cause in some instances is that the meter is out of fix, and in some others because they did not use the minimum amount of water, and Mr. Person discontinued the reading.

This report is taken from the meter book, which was turned over to me when I started to work.

WITHOUT METERS

Water—Alston & Yarboro, T. F. Alford, Wm. Baily, R. M. Beasley, Dr. C. H. Banks, G. W. Cyrus, W. Davis, D. F. Fuller, Norwood Fuller, W. H. Ferguson, Mrs. E. S. Foster, R. Y. McAyden, Meadows & Harris, W. H. Macon, Edgar Mitchell, W. B. Merton, Dr. H. A. Newell, J. H. Southall, J. C. Tucker, W. E. White, Joe Yarboro, Henry Yarboro, John Green, P. B. Griffin, L. P. Hicks, B. G. Hicks, J. S. Howell, M. F. Houck, Mrs. Hester, J. M. Joyner, John W. King, D. F. McKinne, F. B. McKinne.—33.

Light—Geo. Cyrus, D. T. Smithwick, Doc Winston, E. S. Green, (mill) Griffin & Beasley, (mill) Jack Green, M. F. Houck, R. W. Hudson, Louisburg Wagon Co., F. B. McKinne—10

MINIMUM CHARGES

Under the above heading is included all those whose meters are out of fix or have not been read:

Water—W. H. Allen, F. H. Allen, Mrs. E. C. Allen, Mrs. C. A. Allen, G. L. Aycock, Aycock Drug Co., P. G. Alston, A. W. Alston, J. J. Barrow, S. P. Boddie, D. E. Best, F. & M. Bank, W. F. Beasley, R. A. Bobbitt, H. A. Crenshaw. Court house, Candler & Crowell, Geo. H. Cooper, C. K. Cooke, R. H. Davis, R. Z. Egerton, E. S. Ford, Geo. W. Ford, (mill) Sam Nash, J. L. Palmer, S. J. Parham, Racket store, Geo. R. Scoggin, Scoggin Drug Co., Stegall & Wilkins, Tar River Manufacturing Co., flat rate, T. B. Wilder, D. G. High, L. L. Joyner, Mrs. D. Jackson, A. F. Johnson, Louisburg Wagon Co., McKinne Bros. Co.—38.

Light—Allen Bros. Gin, Geo. W. Cyrus, J. L. Palmer.—3

Total No. of water meters needed 35
" " " " to be tested 47
" " " " light meters needed 16

I would suggest that a testing set be bought so that the water meters can be tested and put into operation as soon as possible, as the water meters now installed can be repaired at a small cost, and I am sure that if every customer is put on a meter, the revenue from water will be increased 33 1-3 per cent.

As near as I can learn from the customers, Mr. Person discontinued the reading of a number of meters, because the customer failed to use the minimum amount of water. No doubt this is true, as a number of customers in this list will not use over the minimum, if they have a meter, but when they find out they are not paying for the amount used, but simply paying the minimum rate of \$1.10 they become careless and the majority will not care how much water is used, as long as the cost is minimum.

I think where the town will lose, is by the water wasted, and not by what is used. Unless this waste is guarded against by the use of meters on every customer, whether they use one gallon or 10,000 gallons, the town will at all times lose money. For example, there is being used now each day of 24 hours between 55,000 and 60,000 gallons of water or about 500 gallons per customer. Of this amount the town is not

getting pay for more than 60 per cent. For this reason I suggest the use of meters, both water and light, on every user of same. I would also suggest that the purchase of a testing set for light meters is badly needed, as the meters here have been in use for a number of years, without any test being made, when they should be tested at least once a year. Besides if we had a testing set at any time when a customer thinks his bill is too much, I could test his meter and be sure that we are right in the amount of bill. But with no instrument for either light or water meter, I have no way of proving to our customers that we are right.

A testing set for electric meters will cost \$63.00 and I have written for the price on water meter testing sets, but have not received same. I would like to say that the condition of the light and water plant is good, and that the machinery is in good order, with the exception of our feed water pump for the boilers. This pump is too small, and is nearly worn out. It does not furnish enough water for the boilers, making it necessary to use some cold water, and this increases the coal consumption 15 or 20 per cent.

We have an old filter pump, which is of no use now, and I suggest that this pump be either exchanged for a feed water pump or sold outright and a feed water pump be bought with the money received.

I also suggest that our boilers be inspected by an expert, as this has never been done since the plant started, and that insurance be taken out on same. I think this is necessary, both for the protection of life and to the town as it is not well to use boilers for so long a time, without inspection by an expert. I know that the tubes are scaled but do not know to what extent.

As for the electric line, same is in very bad condition and should be rebuilt at once. I have had frequent trouble from this source and have had to shut down the plant a number of times in bad rainy weather, because of line trouble.

To the best of my knowledge, this is a true report of the condition of the plant, and I feel sure that if some action is taken from the suggestions made, the plant will show a decided increase in revenue.

I will be glad to explain in detail any condition mentioned in this report, and will try to show that my suggestions are made for the interest of the town.

Respectfully,
R. C. BECK, Supt.

As an explanation of Supt. Beck's declaration that by the correction of the existing deficiencies of the plant the town would derive an increase of \$3 1-3 per cent from the plant was to the effect that this amount would be accounted for in the saving of fuel and the increase of business, and not altogether on item of cash to be collected.

In justice to the Board of Commissioners we will say that they have ordered the Clerk to purchase the proper testing outfits and to pay for same. The Clerk claiming that he has not had sufficient cash on hand at any one time to purchase same he has not troubled about it.

Since the above was received by the Board there has been some repairing done to the lines of the electric light plant—just the exact amount of which we are not now in a position to say.

It all narrows to a question that something ought to be done to remedy the present conditions. It is claimed that all meters should be tested about once in every six months, therefore even those now running may be wrong; and certainly there are some on the above lists using more than twice what they are entitled to at the minimum rate.

School Closing.

The closing exercises of Seven Paths Academy will be celebrated on Friday, April 25th, 1913. In the morning at 11 o'clock, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford, will deliver the literary address. That afternoon some sport will be furnished the many who remain over and at night the regular entertainment by the scholars will be had. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Meeting Closes

The meeting at the Methodist church closed with the sermon on last Sunday night. Quite an interest was manifested after what was recognized one of the best sermons ever delivered in the church here. At this service a number of people became members and proclaimed their faith in Christ.

The meeting was surrounded by much good and will long be remembered by our people.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Mr. R. A. Pearce went to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. J. M. Allen visited Washington City last week.

Sam Turner, of Oxford, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. F. E. Hester, of Wendell, is in attendance at court here this week.

Mr. — — — Morse, of Spring Hope, was in attendance at court this week.

Hon. F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, is in attendance at court here this week.

Mr. G. R. Scoggin, of Warrenton, visited his brother here the past week.

Mr. Fuller Cooke, who has been attending school at Magnolia, has returned home.

Miss Mary Moore Allen, of Goldsboro, is visiting Miss Elizabeth Allen at Louisburg College.

Mrs. Ivey Allen left Wednesday for Richmond, Va., to attend the big commercial and educational congress.

Mrs. J. B. Pruitt, of Tallahassee, Fla., visited the home of Mr. W. S. Pruitt near Franklinton the past week.

Mr. Arthur Bernard, of the law firm of Cooley & Bernard, of Nashville, was in attendance upon court the past week.

Messrs. F. B. McKinne, W. A. Jones, J. R. Wiggins, P. A. Reavis and Rev. A. D. Wilcox, left Monday for Selma, to attend the meeting of the Raleigh District Conference.

Mr. S. S. Meadows returned home the past week from Richmond where he has been under treatment. His many friends are glad to see him looking so much improved.

Body Cut.

According to the tale told by the negroes, Adolphus Sims was badly carved up by Robert Baker, while playing at Webb's saw mill Saturday. Sims was brought to Louisburg and his wounds dressed by Dr. Pervv.

The Dinner.

The ladies of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. gave quite a successful dinner in the armory on Tuesday. The object was to provide funds with which to purchase uniforms for the old soldiers who expect to attend the reunion at Gettysburg this summer. Their efforts were crowned with abundant success—clearing above \$75.00.

Ingleside Academy

The closing exercises of Ingleside Academy took place Thursday and Friday of last week. The exercises by the primary class was presented Thursday afternoon from then till five o'clock. Friday morning at eleven o'clock the address to the students was delivered by Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Louisburg. His subject was "Ideas and Ideals," and was very much enjoyed, being an inspiration to all present. The certificates, medals and prizes were awarded immediately after the address. Two pupils, Misses Mary Belle Dement and Lottie Johnson having completed the public school course were presented with certificates. The prize winners were Miss Lottie Johnson, scholarship medal; improvement in penmanship, Master Billie Williams, excellence in spelling, Misses Annie W. Johnson and Jessie Hayes; attendance medals to Misses Lottie Johnson, Susie Dickerson and Fannie May Johnson.

The display of sewing, drawing and clay modeling by the first and second grades, showed interest and improvement in that branch of the work. The programme closed with a concert, by the intermediate and advanced grades, Friday night. In spite of the rain a large crowd was present. The children acquitted themselves creditably and the entire commencement was very much enjoyed.

Mass Meeting

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Louisburg in the court house on Monday evening to take some steps in regard to the location of a home for the old ladies of the Confederacy. If we secure this home we have got to work. Every body is invited and every citizen who feels interested in the welfare of Louisburg are requested to be present.

These will be short talks by Mayor Holden, W. H. Yarbrough, Walter Gilmore, A. D. Wilcox, E. H. Malone, F. N. Egerton, F. B. McKinne, Lucius Malone, and Dr. A. H. Fleming. Ladies are also invited and should be there to aid in this great cause. Let everybody come out to the court house promptly at 8 o'clock Monday night.

Mrs. J. P. WINSTON,
Mrs. R. H. DAVIS
R. G. HICKS,
W. H. ALLEN,
J. A. TURNER.

Died

The expression, "Entered into Rest," from its frequent use, has become almost stereotyped, but in reference to little Walter Talmage Murphy it is fraught with a meaning rich in comfort and beauty. His disease had baffled the skill of his physicians, the careful nursing of loving friends and the agonized anxiety of his devoted parents.

All had been done that could have been, and yet the strong, active, little body, grew tired, the quick, responsive brain was wearied, and the little lips could only beg that he should be let alone, and allowed to go to his home and to rest. And His Heavenly Father heard with tender love the whisper, and took him unto himself. He was born February 9th, 1900, and died on April 10th, 1913. Scarcely more than thirteen years, and yet by his politeness of manner, his manliness of character, his quickness of comprehension and his helpfulness towards others he had made admiring friends of those who knew him—his teachers, his schoolmates and even the business men of town with whom he came in contact. But 'tis in his home the blow fell heaviest. To the other children who will so sadly miss their bright and joyous comrade, and to the father and mother whose fond hopes were so centered on the boy who had ever been to them a joy and comfort. The sympathies of the entire community are most tenderly given. May the Holy Comforter abide within the stricken home.

The funeral services were held from the Methodist church, and the pastor, Rev. A. D. Wilcox made most touching and beautiful remarks. The unusually long procession and the large concourse present were evidence of the esteem and sympathy felt for the bereaved family. The floral offerings were many and exceedingly beautiful—among them were exquisite designs sent by the Methodist Sunday School and his class at the Graded School. The pall-bearers were selected from his personal friends and were as follows, David McKinne, Marshall Hudson, Graham Griffin, Maurice Lancaster, Percy Houck, and Elias Beasley.

Walter's life on earth was a brief one, but in the hearts of those who loved the bright, handsome boy he will ever live a precious memory.

A Friend.

A Great Improvement.

Chief of Police J. C. Tucker has had the changes made at the market house in keeping with the order of the Board of Commissioners. The door now is at the upper side and enters straight into the hall. The rear of the building has been provided with additional lights and properly screened. The changes make a big improvement in the appearance and in the real effectiveness of the market.

Laurel School Closes

After five months of good work on the part of the pupils, the exercises of the last day were held April 4th.

Rev. G. M. Duke presided during the morning at the meeting held in Mt. Zion church. Rev. Walter Gilmore pastor of the Louisburg Baptist church gave a fine educational address, his theme being, "the fine opportunity the boys and girls of today have to raise to a high plane of success, physically, mentally and spiritually."