

WELCOME HOME TO COMPANY F. BIG PARADE OF SOLDIERS AND OTHERS IN FRANKLINTON FRIDAY.

General B. S. Royster Delivers Address of the Day—Big Dinner and Big Speeches Enjoyed by Thousands who Partake of Franklinton's Hospitality—Ball Game in Afternoon.

With one of the prettiest parades witnessed in Franklin County in many years and a spirit of patriotic welcome that flowed full and free Franklinton celebrated possibly the greatest occasion in its history when it threw open the town on last Friday to a Welcome Home of Company F and returned soldiers from France and the training camps.

Long before the hour for the exercises the streets were crowded with visitors and home folks who wore the glad smile that told they would join in the great welcome to the world's greatest heroes.

The parade formed in the Graded School grounds and marched down Main Street to Greene Street, where it circled to the right to Mason Street, coming again to Main Street and forming in front of the speakers stand. The parade passed in review of Colonel Sidney W. Minor in the following order:

Mounted Marshals, consisting of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Brass band of West Durham. 250 children of the Graded School carrying United States flags. Red Cross ladies, displaying old glory.

Automobiles containing old Confederate Veterans. Spanish American War Veterans, mounted.

Capt. Geo. L. Cooke in command of A. and E. College brass band and six full columns of troops.

Old glory carried by Color Sergeant and party.

An automobile float representing the fallen heroes in France. A trio of sailors.

Automobiles containing relatives and friends of the members of Company F. Automobile loaded with little tots representing the junior red cross.

Other automobiles decorated in sympathy with the occasion.

After the parade had passed and formed in position Dr. S. C. Ford, Mayor of Franklinton, as Master of Ceremonies announced prayer by Rev. C. L. Dowell, of the Baptist Church.

In welcoming the boys home on behalf of Franklinton Dr. Ford, as Mayor said "I take pleasure in turning the whole town over to you. We have a bank and you can have that too. If you want it take it." His remarks were short, but well chosen and forcibly presented, in which he took occasion to mention the heroes of Franklinton left behind, viz: Shem Cooke, Alex Harris and Mr. Ross. In referring to their departure Dr. Ford said "I would you to remember when you were in the last days of the war."

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In declaring that the boys had not returned home asking favors of any one, but having preserved the Liberty of the world, and made possible this glad day, they only ask and have a right to demand a fair chance in life."

Referring to Col. Minor's statement that the North Carolina troops didn't win the war the speaker said "but they came darned near to it." At this point General Royster paid a beautiful tribute to Col. W. L. McGhee. In speaking to the soldiers he said a great demonstration of this kind means two things. First, We are glad to see you. Second, We are going to stand with you as long as you keep your faces toward the right. After speaking in the highest of praise of those who had fallen in the fight in France he extended a cordial invitation to the boys to visit Oxford.

The band was called on and furnished music during an interval.

In a humorous and witty manner Dr. Ford introduced Hon. R. Bruce White, who stated that he was supposed to express the heart of the people of Franklinton on this occasion, and declared "it can't be done."

Mr. White was at his best and did well the task allotted to him framing beautiful and heartfelt pictures of thought in the most choice and expressive language. It just rolled out of a heart as full of love and appreciation as he was supposed to portray and he couldn't help it. "I dreamed dreams in this town, I have caught visions, but never none like this day. I have seen things I never thought I would see, veterans pass by, two hundred and fifty school children all carrying old glory, with glory for their country in their hearts. Red cross women expressing the deepest and holiest sentiment of our civilization. Truly out of the horrors of war has come an image of beauty." The speaker pointed to this occasion to illustrate that "America is built on a solid foundation—the shoulders of millions of young men who have been tried and made good." In referring to the soldiers he said you carried the hearts of your home people, you carried the honor of your county, and you have brought both back crowned in immortal victory. His speech was short but enjoyed in the whole as it was so full of the feeling of the occasion.

General Royster was requested to read a telegram which was as follows:

New York, May 9, 1919. A. H. Vann, Chairman, Franklinton, N. C.

Best wishes for a pleasant and enjoyable day. Regards to Royster, Minor and Graded. Franklinton County has reason to be proud of Company F. It is an honor to have been its first Captain. May we all bravely answer God's Roll Call.

Maj. Stem, of Oxford, who was introduced by Mr. R. B. White, spoke very nicely of the fine occasion in the making and of the service of the boys overseas declaring that there had never been a unit of the American Army more efficient than the 120th Infantry.

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COURT ROUTE TO DISLODGE COTTON WEAIGHER AT FRANKLINTON.

Decision of Board of County Commissioners Monday—Delegation of Buyers Appear Before Board—Weigher Presents Petition.

An event that took up right much of the time of the Board of Commissioners and afforded, at least some amusement for those who had seen the same thing attempted before, was the appeal of the committee of Cotton Buyers of Franklinton, composed of Messrs. A. H. Vann, representing the mill, J. O. Purnell, A. S. Joyner, B. W. Ballard, C. S. Williams, to the Board asking that they remove the present cotton weigher, Mr. B. W. Long and appoint a new weigher in his place. They went into several detailed instances where cotton had lost weight and where, in their judgment cotton was damaged and should be so marked by the official weigher. Their contention was that Mr. Long was thoroughly incompetent and incapable of filling the place and denied any personal feeling whatever.

Mr. Long, the present weigher was asked for his side of the question, and he stepped forward and presented the Board with a petition signed by one hundred and fourteen farmers saying that he was entirely competent and was giving perfect satisfaction, and added that the fight against him was purely personal and entirely without a just foundation.

When the matter was reheard in the afternoon, after the Board had secured legal advice, the tension grew very taut, and came near entering into bad feelings when in making a statement in behalf of Mr. Long, Mr. W. W. Greene mentioned the fact that he had heard many farmers in his section say at times prior to the term in question that they would not sell their cotton on the Franklinton market on account of the loss in weight. To this remark Mr. Ballard, of the Buyers Committee, took exception and proceeded to defend the high character and honesty of the former weighers and condemned Mr. Greene for such statements. Mr. Greene again addressed the Board and stated that he had no intention of casting reflections on any one, as he knew the men referred to and knew them to be upright gentlemen, but the fact remained that the statements were made to him and would be made to others if they wished. At this point the Board informed the Committee through counsel that the question raised was out of their jurisdiction and would have to be taken up in impeachment proceedings in Superior Court.

Capt. I. H. Kearney, a relative of the weigher and a friend to the buyers very opportunely interposed and suggested that the scales be tested and that if each one was sincere in their statements to want to do the right thing there was no doubt but that all adjustments could be made satisfactorily, and from arrangements and statements, it seemed that all went out in a better feeling each one for the other.

MOTHER'S DAY.

Mother's day will be fittingly observed on Sunday at the Louisburg Baptist Church. There will be appropriate music, and the pastor will speak on two interesting topics, The Coronation of Motherhood and The Motherhood of God. The services for the day are Sunday School at 9:45, Preaching at 11:00 and 8:30.

In a very pretty appeal for the over subscription of the Victory Loan, Mr. Malone has given his time and energy to this work so completely that he is fully enthused with its work and his talk was thoroughly imbued with it and was convincing and pleasing to his hearers, and won much favorable comment from the many present who heard it.

The speaking all completed the assemblage was invited to the grounds where a big barbecue and picnic dinner was served. To say it was fine and a plenty doesn't half express it. Fine cue, chicken, ham, cake, pie, cream and in fact about everything you could think of that was good to eat was there in abundance and all ate to their fill and enjoyed every bit of it.

To the committee on arrangements composed of Rev. T. A. Stokes, Chairman, A. H. Vann, secretary and Treasurer; Rev. C. L. Dowell, G. W. Barrow, R. D. Collins, J. W. Daniels, P. P. Purnell, Capt. I. H. Kearney, is due much credit for successfully making a day for Franklinton that will be recorded in history and live as long as the town itself. It was a grand day well spent and enjoyed by all.

Dr. Ford announced that the committee had arranged for the moving picture show to be thrown open free to all the soldiers during the day and extended a hearty welcome to them to attend.

In the afternoon a game of baseball between town boys and military boys was staged at Williams' field which resulted in a score of — and —. The game was greatly enjoyed by all.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA A Proclamation by The Mayor.

WHEREAS, his excellency, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, has proclaimed the week beginning May 11th, 1919 as BABY WELFARE WEEK and in a proclamation issued from the Governor's Office in Raleigh, has asked all public agencies and private citizens to cooperate with the State Board of Health in carrying out plans for the reduction of infant mortality and in increasing health conditions in the State—

NOW THEREFORE, I, L. L. JOYNER, in accord with the proclamation of the Governor of the State DO PROCLAIM Sunday, May 11th, and the week following to be devoted by the people of this town to the study of the needs of the infant and the planning for such activities as will put our community on a higher plane with regard to child welfare; and

I do hereby urge every minister to call to the attention of his congregation necessity for constructive study of infant life; all teachers to inaugurate study of sanitation in the home as it will affect infants, all organized societies to specialize during this week on infant hygiene problems, and all fathers and mothers to look into the health conditions surrounding their homes, and particularly as to the habits and health of babies.

Done this 5th day of May in Year of Our Lord 1919.

L. L. JOYNER, Mayor.

GOOD ROAD WORK TAKING SHAPE Construction Force in Gold Mine—Harris Makes Arrangements For One-Half of Its Project.

Messrs. J. K. Norfleet, District Manager for this district of the State Highway Road Work and H. Hocutt, of the Maintenance Department, were in Louisburg Wednesday morning to confer with the Board of County Commissioners regarding State and Federal assistance in maintaining and building good roads. After going over the situation fully the Board made application for Federal aid in completing the road from Kearney's store to Warren county, in Sandy Creek township, from Sandy Creek church to Halifax line in Gold Mine township and from J. H. Fuller's to Wake County line in Harris township. They also recommended that the road from Vance County to Wake County via Franklinton and Youngsville, and from Franklinton to Nash County through Louisburg be made a part of the State Highway, with the addition of the connecting links from Louisburg to Warren county and from Louisburg to Halifax County, as soon as the roads are completed, which is expected to be in the next few months. Mr. Norfleet held out much encouragement to the friends of good roads and leaves conditions much more hopeful.

Mr. W. D. Fuller, speaking of the good roads in Gold Mine township Tuesday informed us that Messrs. T. W. Chandler, of Virginia, and C. A. Ragland, of Oxford, were in Louisburg Monday, and expected their construction force to leave Oxford the next morning for Gold Mine to equip their Construction Camp, preparatory for the immediate beginning of the road work in that township. It is expected that the road from Sandy Creek church to Wood Store will be built first. From Wood it will continue to Halifax county line connecting up with Halifax road system. The survey has already been made.

Mr. F. W. Justice, of the Board of Road Trustees of Harris township, was in town Tuesday and from him we learned that his Board had contracted with both the Surveyor and a Construction Company for the erection of roads up to and including one-half of the bond issue, and expects the work to begin immediately upon the sale of the bonds on the 19th. He was not in position to tell us just where the work would be begun and what part would be first built, as his Board recognizes some obligation to the people of the township in a promise to work Route 1 roads first, but as the State law makes it mandatory that they shall build roads connecting county seats first, a confusion arises. If there is no alternative, for them except to abide by the State law it is possible that the road from Perry's Mill to Wake will be built first, or the road from Four Bridges to Dunns township. The Board of County Commissioners is trying to get Federal Aid on the building of the road from Perry's Mill to Wake county, for the township, which may influence construction of the Bunn road first.

At any rate it seems that Franklinton County will soon have good roads all over it, as reports from Hayesville indicates that the two factions there have gotten together and the sentiment in Cypress Creek is at a point that almost demands immediate action.

The best feature of the whole situation is the Board of County Commissioners are contemplating the adoption of a County system of maintenance, which will be a guarantee of good roads at all times.

COULDN'T DISLODGE COTTON WEAIGHER CALLS FOR STATEMENT TOWNSHIP ROAD FUNDS.

Take Steps to Begin Repair of Louisburg Township Roads—Orders Special School Election for Gold Mine—Sheriff to Sell Stills.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting business was disposed of as follows:

The Sheriff was allowed an extension of 30 days to advertise land for sale for taxes.

E. T. Alford was relieved of tax, error.

Primus Hunt and wife were placed on outside pauper list, at \$2.00 per month each.

An appropriation of \$234.92 was made to cover one-half the cost of barbecue and entertainment of returned soldiers.

A delegation from Franklinton came before the Board and asked that the cotton weigher at Franklinton be removed, claiming that he was not competent. The Board, upon advice of counsel, decided that they had no authority to interfere.

Bill Hawkins was stricken from outside pauper list—being dead.

The Clerk was instructed to write specific instructions to the list takers, as to the listing of dogs.

The Budget system as suggested by the Board of Education was adopted. Rebate of tax to the amount of \$15.62 was allowed A. J. P. Harris, error in listing certain lands in School district.

The Louisburg Township Road Trustees were ordered to submit statement of receipts and disbursements of road funds, on or before May 19th, 1919.

Mr. Stewart was instructed to repair the road from Louisburg to Justice and the payment was ordered to be paid out of the road fund of the townships through which the work is done. Mr. John Wiggins was appointed to assist in the work in Louisburg township.

Upon petition an election was ordered to be held in the Wood School district on June 9, 1919 for the purpose of voting special tax. W. D. Fuller was appointed registrar and G. M. Raynor and J. J. Lanier, poll holders.

The Chairman was appointed a committee to receive funds due Louisburg township from convict hire and administer the same in repair of roads in Louisburg township.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Fallis concerning repair work in this county.

The County Health Officers report was received and filed. A fee of \$200.00 was allowed to physicians for typhoid vaccination of patients who are not able to pay themselves.

\$200.00 was allowed the doctors of Franklin County for vaccination work in the year 1918.

The Gold Mine township road Commission was instructed to deposit road funds in the First National Bank.

The Clerk of the Superior Court was instructed to purchase the necessary files for his office and to make a cross index for orders and decrees, for which they agree to allow him one and one-half cents each way per name.

The Board fixed the pay of the assistant to the County Supervisor at \$5.00 per day and traveling expenses.

The Clerk was ordered to buy 2000 dog tags.

The Sheriff was instructed to sell all the copper stills he had on hand.

W. D. Fuller was appointed a committee to provide a horse and buggy for the assistant County Supervisor.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again on Monday the 19th of May, 1919, to take up such business as may come before it.

ELECTION QUIET AFFAIR.

Like the primary of a week ago the election of officials for the city passed off very quietly here Tuesday. The ticket as nominated at the primary having no opposition was unanimously elected and is composed of Capt. L. L. Joyner for Mayor; Messrs. G. W. Ford, F. W. Wheelers, B. N. Williamson, F. W. Hicks, E. H. Malone, W. J. Cooper for Commissioners.

These gentlemen are among Louisburg's best and most successful business men and will give the town good service.

CATCHING IMPOSTORS.

Supt. O. C. Hill informs the Times reporter that he has recently found several persons who had made water connections without the knowledge of the Department and reported them, whereupon they were required to pay the fine and all back rents.

AT OPERA HOUSE.

Do you want a night or fun? If so come to the Opera House in Louisburg, Tuesday evening May 13th, at 8:30. "The Dust of the Earth" will be given by Castalia home talent to benefit the Woman's Betterment Association of Castalia.

BARACA-PHILATHEA UNION.

Wake Forest Quartette to Take Part in Program.

The Franklin County Baraca-Philathea Union will meet with the Baraca and Philathea Classes of the Bunn Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday, May the 23rd and 24th. Although the Union is slightly delayed in meeting this spring, a large crowd is expected to be present.

The Wake Forest Quartette will be present and take part in the program. Those who have heard this quartette know that this guarantees the success of the Union.

All classes in the county are urged to send delegates with a full report of the work done since the last meeting.

The program will be as follows: Saturday afternoon, 4:00 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. T. D. Collins.

Sunday evening, 8:30 p. m.—Devotional Exercise, Miss O. White; Class Recitation, Bunn Junior Philathea; Social Meeting.

Sunday morning 11:00 p. m.—Devotional exercise, Clyde Moody; Business meeting; Address, Prof. F. S. Love, of Louisburg College; 1:00 p. m. dinner, 2:00 p. m.—Round Table Discussion, B. W. Ballard; Presentation of Banner, Rev. T. D. Collins.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Invitations as follows have been mailed from Louisburg College: The Class of nineteen hundred and nineteen of

Louisburg College requests the honor of your presence at the

Commencement Exercises May eighteenth to nineteenth, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Class Roll—Mary B. Brown, Cynthia Rale DeFord, Eula Rae Griffith, Virginia Barham Joyner, Jennie Joyner, Edith Leah Love, Anna Warner Newman, Sara Agnes Newberne, Emily Wood Parker, Lella Smith, Rosa Edith Waddell, Mary Louise Winstead, Lillian O. Spencer.

Marshals—Chief, Musa Finch Euro; Gladys Felton, Bessie Massey, Mary Clay Knight, Maude Ashley.

PROGRAM. Saturday, May 17, 6:00 p. m.—Class Day Exercises.

Sunday, May 18, 11:00 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, The Rev. A. S. Barnes, 8:30 p. m.—Sermon before the Y. W. C. A., The Rev. A. S. Barnes.

Monday, May 19, 11:00 a. m.—Graduating Exercises—Annual Address before the Literary Societies, Prof. S. B. Underwood, 9:00 p. m. Reception.

LOUISBURG DEBATES AT CHAPEL HILL.

A debating team from Louisburg Graded School, composed of Misses Mamie Hayes and Elizabeth Ferguson, affirmative, and Messrs. Joseph Harris and Hill Yarborough, negative, accompanied by Miss Dorsett, Rev. T. D. Collins and Rev. G. F. Smith, visited Chapel Hill Saturday, where they engaged in the regular annual intercollegiate debate.

The debaters reflected credit upon their school, being one of three schools out of the fifty to win on both the affirmative and the negative in the preliminaries. From the beginning it was predicted that the Louisburg team stood a good chance for first honors, and while they did not receive them the judges did not find it easy to decide against them. Goldsboro and Durham won out in the finals, Durham captured the Aycock Memorial Cup. Those who heard the debates felt sure that our team could have taken the cup from Goldsboro easily. However there are no regrets as the teams did exceedingly well and the High School has every reason to feel proud of their representatives.

MASS MEETING AT SANDY CREEK.

There will be an educational rally at Sandy Creek school house on the third Saturday in May in the interest of a High School. We cordially invite all who would be interested in a high school in this section. We will have dinner on the ground for all. Mr. E. L. Best will speak in the morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. T. D. Collins will preach in the afternoon at half past two in the church. X.

WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB.

The Wake Forest Glee Club and Orchestra will be at the Opera House Friday night, and will render a programme which will be excellent. This is a rare opportunity and every one should avail themselves of it. This Glee Club is composed of twenty-five real live college boys who are highly trained and full of "pep" and fun.

The price of admission is 25. 50 and 75 cents. Tickets on sale at Scoggin's Drug Store.

If there are no trees in the hog lots, it will be necessary to provide artificial shade.

A self-feeder assists in economical pork production because it prevents waste.