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\$140,000 FIRE IN LOUISBURG

McKINNE BROTHERS CO. STORE AND STABLES BURNED

Top Farmers Union Warehouse Crushed by falling Wall--W. E. White Furniture Co. and Town Electric Plant Suffer Damages.

Fire originating in the store of McKinne Bros. Co., about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, disturbed the slumbers of Louisburg's citizens. Those early on the scene report that the fire had been smouldering so long that the house was filled with gas and smoke to such an extent that it was considered dangerous to attempt an entrance for the purpose of saving any of the stock. The blaze soon burst through and in a short while the entire building including the Stables adjoining together with their mammoth stock of hardware, groceries and feed stuffs was a total loss. Quite a little excitement was caused by the explosion of some powder and a lot of gun shells. At one time it looked as if the entire business part of town was doomed but the heroic work of Louisburg's splendid fire department and the efficiency of the water plant combined to confine the flames within the walls of the building owned by Messrs. McKinne. The front wall fell in before the fire died away and about eight o'clock Wednesday morning the side wall next to the Union Warehouse fell on the top of the Farmers Union Warehouse crushing in a good portion of the top.

The stock of furniture of W. E. White Furniture Co. was moved to the Court square and suffered much damage in the handling and from water.

The total losses as best as could be estimated were as follows: McKinne Bros. Co., stock \$65,000.00 Insurance \$30,000.00, store \$30,000.00, insurance \$10,000.00.

W. E. White Furniture Co., damage to stock, caused mostly from water and removing \$8,000.00, to stores \$10,000.00, fully insured.

Town of Louisburg, damage to electric light plant, \$300, no insurance. Farmers Union Warehouse, damage to top from falling wall, \$2,000.00. U-Tote-Em, damage from water \$200.

G. W. Ford, slight water damage. C. T. Stokes, water damage to building, slight.

Mrs. S. P. Burt, glass broken in windows \$100, insured. C. C. Hudson Co., damage by smoke and heat, \$100.

The store of W. E. White Furniture Company caught fire on the inside from the hot wall, and an explosion broke a hole through the lower portion of the wall.

McKinne Bros. Co. announced early in the day that they had arranged to occupy the store room belonging to Mr. W. E. White and formerly occupied by The Hardware Co., and would take care of their trade.

There is no theory advanced as to the origin of the fire unless it was from rats.

POPES SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

The following is the honor roll for Popes school: 3rd Grade—Robert Conyers, Burlie Mitchell. 5th Grade—Everett Moore, Louis Conyers, Iola Perry, Macie and Elmo Pleasants, Mattie Ferguson. 7th Grade—Arthur Williams, Blanch Conyers, Mable Mitchell, Louise Perry.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR XMAS GIFT TO OUR HEROES IN DISTRESS!

Christmas approaches. The spirit of giving invades our daily lives, and the question arises in our minds—what shall I give mother, father, sister, brother and friends?

Has the question of what shall I give to the sick and wounded men of the Great War entered your mind? Are you planning for them too, or are you a thankless individual who is willing to admit that your promises of the past are empty, and that you do not think of the pitiful human wrecks, who staked their lives in the defense of yours, and lost that which we all hold dearest to us—strength and health.

If selfishness and greed has crept into your hearts, we appeal to you to DRIVE them out. Think back four years and if you promised your men, who donned the uniform then, that nothing would be too good for them when they got back home, MAKE GOOD THAT PROMISE, and help them to have a cheerful Christmas. Don't live a lie. Don't be a peace time slacker.

The American Legion Auxiliary has adopted Ward N-2 at Oteen, N. C., and plan to give the patients therein a REAL CHRISTMAS.

A token of appreciation will go to these men from the citizens of Louisburg and Franklin County, to prove to them that we have NOT FORGOTTEN their various services and their noble sacrifices. Your men lie there fighting tuberculosis. Day by day the struggle against this insidious enemy, fighting against odds. Day by day they breed bitterness in their hearts, because they have seemingly given the best that they had to a heartless, greedy nation. They are sick, sick, sick, physically and mentally.

Will you help us cheer them up, and give them proof that Franklin County has not forgotten? The opportunity will present itself to you THURSDAY, Dec. 15. The American Legion Auxiliary will have a Bazaar, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase needed articles for Christmas Gifts to the sick and wounded men in their adopted ward. This Bazaar will be a "DOLLAR LIMIT BAZAAR." Nothing will be sold for more than a dollar, many articles will be sold for less than a dollar. Supper will be served, beginning at 5 P. M. Eat a meal for the boys who are still fighting.

The price is NOT prohibitive to your patronage.

Think it over and enter in the ranks of patriotic Americans, which assembled in the Jambes Club for the BIG BAZAAR with the B.G SPIRIT, Thursday, Dec. 15.

Oteen, N. C., Nov. 26, 1921. Mrs. R. C. Beck, Com. Womens' Aux. Amer. Legion, Louisburg, N. C.

Dear Madam: Mr. Reis, Ward Representative of Ward N-2 has sent me your letter of Nov. 18, 1921, as he has been discharged.

In accordance with your request, I am sending you a list of the men in Ward N-2, giving their names, former organization, Home address, and State (in which they were born). As this list will vary from time to time, it will be necessary to correct it sometime in the future. To this end, I wish to suggest the name of Mr. Ralph Young, Ward N-2, Oteen, N. C. as a permanent representative to whom letters should be sent.

We received the wire on Armistice Day, and I assure you that the entire ward appreciated the spirit in which it was sent. We also received a box from the American Legion Post there on Thanksgiving Day. Words cannot describe the joy with which this was received. Of course we get plenty to eat here but only a former service man or woman can understand a thing like that from the Home folks, which we want to feel we are to you.

I am sorry that this information was delayed. You see the letter had to go to Mr. Reis' home which is in Florida. And it was forwarded back to me here.

I assure you, Mrs. Beck, that anything your post does for the boys here will be appreciated more than mere words can tell. We are especially in need of the things that cheer us up. Not all of us have T. B. but more or less all of us are sick with a disease of service origin.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in our ward, and in the boys, I am

Respectfully yours, RALPH N. SANFORD, Ward N-2, Oteen, N. C.

The present situation agords considerable food for thought, if hash can be called food.—Birmingham News.

WERRENATH PREFERS CONCERT OVER THE OPERA

Famous American Baritone At Raleigh Auditorium on Early Date.

It is decidedly a loss to the operatic stage that Reinald Werrenath, the eminent American baritone, who sings in Raleigh on December 16, will not devote his career to it. Few singers in the history of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, won such success as a debutant and maintained this success in all the varied roles he sang there. His was a very interesting case. He did not seek the engagement which sought him. He had never been on the stage in his life and had never really considered it. When Gatti Casazza asked him to join the company, an extraordinary honor, he accepted it because he thought it would be interesting for a time and would help broaden him as an artist. He took a few months coaching with the veteran Victor Maurel and made his debut as Silvio in "Pagliacci." Shortly after he appeared in the very important part of Valentin in "Faust." His success at this debut was notable but his first appearance in "Faust" caused a sensation. W. J. Henderson in the New York Sun said that few had ever approached the rich fluent quality of Mr. Werrenath's singing, the fine color of his tone, the clarity of his diction, and Richard Aldrich in The Times said that his work was "the finest example of pure singing since the days of the De Reszkes and the stars of Grand."

But the call of the concert stage was too strong for the young artist and he devoted most of his time to such work. He finds the atmosphere of the concert hall much more congenial and there is an ever-shifting variety of scene and audience in concert work which is very fascinating. Moreover, when one has built up a public in all parts of the country, a public that is loyal and appreciative, it is a great pleasure to sing to it. Mr. Werrenath made a very profound impression before Raleigh music lovers several years ago and his return is anticipated with considerable interest. His experience in opera, his remarkable success in London cannot but help to make his art finer and bigger than it has ever been in the past. The attendance of a representative audience from this vicinity is expected on December 16.

MRS. ALLEN ENTERTAINS

Thursday, the first day of December, 1921 was enlivened for the members of the Edwin Fuller Club and other guests by an interesting meeting of the club at the residence of Mrs. K. K. Allen. Guests were received in the reception hall and living room which were attractively decorated for the occasion in yellow chrysanthemums.

After the club had been called to order by the president, Mrs. G. A. Ricks, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved, those members who were on the program for the afternoon proceeded with their various papers according to assignment.

The subject for the afternoon was "Early Settlers of Our Own Country." In the first paper Miss Ruth Allen gave an introductory sketch of the early settlers and a pen picture of that interesting colonial dame, Margaret Brent, the first suffragette. As Mrs. Allen could not be present her paper was read by Mrs. W. Agnes Underhill. In the next paper Mrs. Wm. Barrow told the story of the Euston Tea Party and gave a sketch of Penelope Barker, its heroine. Miss Law had the current topic for the day and chose as her subject the timely one, "Washington Entertains the World."

Interspersed between the literary numbers on the program were delightful musical selections rendered by the Edison. The first of those was "Song of the Robin," Anna Case, and the other two beautiful violin solos by that master of his instrument, Alvin Spaulding.

At the close of the last number on the program Biltmore salad on lettuce was served accompanied by croquettes pickle, hot buttered rolls and coffee. This was followed by a dessert course of ginger cream and fruit cake.

Club members were requested to remain after the departure of other guests to transact a few matters of business. Among other items taken up it was decided to adopt a soldier at Oteen, and to send delegates to the District Federation Meeting which convenes at Macon, Wednesday, Dec. 7. The club officers, Mrs. G. A. Ricks, president, Mrs. B. T. Holden, vice-president, and Mrs. W. Underhill, Secretary will represent the club on that occasion.

Supt. E. L. Best visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Malcolm McKinne visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Messrs. B. H. Perry and R. G. Kitzrell, of Henderson, were visitors to Louisburg Wednesday.

MERCHANTS ENDORSE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

In the following statement the Merchants in Franklin County, whose names are attached, endorse Co-operative Marketing and assure their customers they would prefer that they sign up:

TO THE FARMERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY:

It having been called to our attention that many farmers are hesitating to sign the Cotton and Tobacco Growers Association Contracts because they are behind in the payment of their accounts and are unwilling to do that which might not be satisfactory to their creditors. Therefore realizing that these Associations will bring about a better condition in the marketing of farm products and enlarge the financial ability of every community, besides saving a large amount of unnecessary waste and expense, we wish to assure all who grow either of the crops that we thoroughly endorse the two Associations and because of the greater safety and financial elasticity to us and the farmers of this County, would greatly prefer our customers becoming members of both the Associations:

- The Allen Bros. Co. Louisburg, N. C. L. P. Hicks. Louisburg, N. C. W. B. Cooke, Louisburg, N. C. L. Kline & Co. Louisburg, N. C. A. S. Wiggs, Louisburg, N. C. F. A. Roth Co., Louisburg, N. C. J. W. Perry, Louisburg, N. C. G. W. Ford & Son, Louisburg, N. C. G. W. Ford, Louisburg, N. C. F. W. Wheelis, Louisburg, N. C. Freeman & Co., Louisburg, N. C. McKinne Bros. Co., Louisburg, N. C. W. E. White Furn. Co., Louisburg, N. C. C. T. Stokes, Louisburg, N. C. The First National Bank, Louisburg, N. C. Farmers & Merchants Bank, Louisburg, N. C. M. C. Pleasants, Louisburg, N. C. J. O. Hagwood, R. I. Louisburg, N. C. K. A. Perry, Youngsville, N. C. D. W. Spivey, Youngsville, N. C. Farmers & Merchants Bank, Youngsville, N. C. Cheatham Bros., Youngsville, N. C. Beddingfield Bros. & Co., Bunn, N. C. W. D. Fuller & Co., Wood, N. C. R. I. Mitchell, Bunn, N. C. J. S. Howell, Louisburg, N. C. Farmers National Bank, Louisburg, N. C. The Citizens Bank, Franklinton, N. C. City Grocery Co., Franklinton, N. C. T. C. Joyner, Druggist, Franklinton, N. C. Morris & Morris, Franklinton, N. C. B. W. Ballard, Franklinton, N. C. Mrs. M. C. Henley, Franklinton, N. C. C. G. Hight, Franklinton, N. C. Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Franklinton, N. C. Franklinton Garage Co., Franklinton, N. C. Cooke Furniture Co., Franklinton, N. C. Irving Suppan, Franklinton, N. C. Mrs. S. S. Britt, Franklinton, N. C. The McGhee-Joyner Co., Franklinton, N. C.

Senator F. B. McKinne left Tuesday for Raleigh to be present at the opening of the Special Session of the General Assembly.

Mrs. J. W. Mann and Miss Mabel Davis were among the delegates to the meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs at Macon Wednesday.

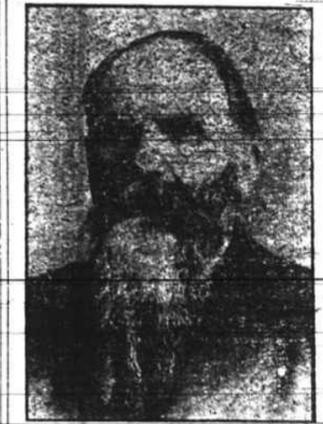
Mr. W. M. Person returned Monday from a visit to New York.

CAPT. T. S. COLLIE DEAD.

Passed Away at Home in Cedar Rock Township Monday Evening—Buried Wednesday.

The announcement of the death of Capt. Thomas S. Collie, who passed away at his home in Cedar Rock Township on Monday evening, was received by his many friends in Louisburg with much sorrow. Capt. Collie was in his eightieth year and leaves two sons, Mr. J. R. Collie, of Raleigh, and Mr. T. A. Collie, of this County, besides a large host of relatives, who have the sympathy of the entire county in their bereavement.

Capt. Collie was a man of broad mind, big heart, strong ability and neighbor who will be greatly missed. For thirty-two years he served the



people of Franklin County, twenty-eight of these years he proved to be one of the County's most levelheaded and conservative Commissioners and the other four represented this district in the North Carolina Senate, where he made a most enviable record.

He served through the Civil war with much honor to his bravery and was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, from which he was confined to the hospital for eighteen months, and never fully recovered. He was the last original member of Franklin Rifles, leaving Louisburg at the age of 17 to serve his country.

He was a devoted Christian being a consistent member of Red Bud Baptist church, and filled the place as Superintendent of that Sunday school for a long number of years. He was always quick to take a position on all public matters and took a strong stand for the right. His influence will be greatly missed in the religious, political and social life of the county.

The funeral was held from his home in Cedar Rock township on Wednesday morning at 12 o'clock and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Copington, assisted by Dr. W. B. Morton, of Louisburg, during which beautiful eulogies were paid the deceased. The services were then given over to the Cedar Rock Masonic Lodge which bestowed all the honors of the fraternity on a faithful member.

The Masonic services were conducted by Mr. S. A. Newell, Master of Louisburg Lodge and assisted by a large number of visiting Masons from many lodges. The interment was made in the beautiful little family cemetery near by and was largely attended, and the floral tribute spoke a most beautiful message of love and devotion. The pallbearers were C. H. Smith, T. H. Sledge, J. C. Lancaster, J. B. Sturdivant, G. C. Buck, B. T. Holden, S. C. Foster, Dr. D. T. Smithwick, J. E. Lancaster, H. W. Burnette, R. D. Bowden, B. F. Gardner.

LIST OF JURORS

The following is a list of jurors drawn for January term Franklin Superior Court:

- First Week: Dunns—W. H. Privett, C. O. Pearce, H. F. Perry, J. S. Williams, C. S. Perry, S. D. Stallings, Jas Upchurch, G. F. Alford. Harris—J. B. Horton, M. I. Fowler, J. E. Parrie, R. B. Veltess. Youngsville—J. H. Cash, M. S. Perry, C. C. Winston, S. F. Holden. Franklinton—R. A. Prutt. Hayesville—J. S. Rowland, W. S. Ayescue, O. W. Ayescue. Sandy Creek—R. L. Clarke, R. M. Inscow, J. W. Burnette, J. B. Jones, Archie Parrish, C. F. Lancaster. Gold Mine—C. L. Woodard, D. N. R. J. Upchurch. Cedar Rock—J. N. Bartholomew, C. B. Joyner, T. S. Dean. Cypress Creek—A. F. Vick. Louisburg—J. L. Collier, E. W. Furgurson, E. A. Rogers. Second Week: Dunns—E. O. Pearce. Youngsville—C. F. Tharrington, H. W. White, Nick J. Hart. Sandy Creek—R. L. Clarke, R. W. Fuller. Gold Mine—A. T. Griffin, R. O. Griffin. Cedar Rock—R. E. Gilliam, Dallas Inscow, J. B. Parrish, J. A. Lancaster. Cypress Creek—A. N. Wilder. Louisburg—H. R. Edwards, S. E. Bailey, R. A. Bobbitt, C. M. Gattis, A. L. Hicks.

COTTON AND TOBACCO GROWERS MET

IN LOUISBURG SATURDAY TO BEGIN LOCAL ORGANIZATION

Townships To Organize Today at 2:00 O'clock P. M.—Delegates To Meet In Louisburg Saturday to Perfect County Organization.

Representative Cotton and Tobacco growers from the various townships met in the Courthouse last Saturday and discussed plans for the organization of the signers into township and county organizations.

The township officers will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition to these officers there will be a membership committee.

The signers were requested to meet by townships Friday, Dec. 9th at 2 p. m., and elect the officers mentioned above and choose delegates to the county organization meeting which will be held in the Court House Saturday, Dec. 10th at 10 a. m. Each township will be represented in this county meeting with one man for each 100 bale cotton or one man for each 100,000 pounds of tobacco or majority fraction signed. At this meeting these delegates will select the county officers which will be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and an executive committee of three in addition to the officers who will act as ex-officio members.

This county organization will have much to do in looking out for the interest of the county in the way of warehouses, redrying plants, and sales offices. The county and township organizations will be interested in inducing every man who grows cotton and tobacco to sign the contracts so that the proper facilities for handling these commodities may be provided for the county.

There are many men in the county who have been waiting to see. He is convinced that we need a better method of marketing farm crops, but he has been waiting to see if the Co-operative plan would meet the approval of the majority of the people. The business and financial machinery has been adequately provided and there should be no doubt in the minds of anyone about the practicality of the plan.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Mr. W. O. Ball, 21 years of age, was instantly killed and his father was painfully injured in an automobile accident at Four Bridges Sunday night at about 7 o'clock. It seemed that they had been away and were returning home and were driving without lights, as the lighting system on their car was out of repair, therefore not being able to see just where they were driving, ran into the right side of the first bridge the car dumping over into a deep hole in the side of the creek. The young man was driving the car.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Owing to the spreading of the rails the Louisburg train wrecked four freight cars near Mr. E. A. Kemp's home yesterday morning on its first trip from Franklinton to Louisburg. The accident came near being serious as the train was pulling two passenger coaches. The engine passed over all right and the train was stopped before the passenger coaches reached the point of danger. No one was hurt. Necessarily traffic was delayed for several hours.

FIRE AT PLANER.

The fire alarm Wednesday night was sent in from Kearney's planer. The fire department answered promptly and extinguished the fire before any material damage was done. The fire was in the shaving house.

Y. W. A. MEETING.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Louisburg Baptist church met with Miss Elizabeth Morton, Tuesday night November twenty-ninth. The following program was rendered: Song—Whispering Hope. Prayer—by Mrs. J. S. Howell. Scripture Reading—Mark 12:29-44. by Mrs. J. O. Newell.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved; also a collection of dues and the Seventy-five Million pledges was taken. Delegates were appointed to attend the County meeting at Midway, N. C. on Saturday, December seventeenth. The study of the first chapter of our home mission book, "Old Trails and New" was taken up. Closing prayer—Sentence prayer by each member.

After the meeting delicious refreshments were served. The following were present: Mrs. J. S. Howell, Mrs. J. O. Newell, Mrs. L. L. Whitaker, Misses Lucy Baker, Elizabeth Morton, Josephine Bryant, Effie Taylor, Virginia Perry andantha Pittman. The next meeting will be held with Miss Nannie Hall Hale Tuesday night, December thirteenth.