

A. P. JOHNSON, Editor and Manager

THE COUNTY, THE STATE, THE UNION

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 Per Year

VOLUME—LIII

LOUISBURG, N. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1924

NUMBER—87

SAMUEL C. VANN DIES IN 73RD YEAR

Franklinton Benefactor and Mill Owner Passed Away Tuesday

FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 4

Had Been in Failing Health For Over a Year; Liberal Giver to His Home Town and Methodist Institutions; Starting With Nothing Achieved Notable Success

Samuel C. Vann, one of North Carolina's leading citizens and for many years a highly successful cotton manufacturer, died at the family residence at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in his seventy-third year. He had been in failing health for a year or more.

Besides being a successful business man Mr. Vann was known far and wide for his benefactions, notably to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh and to the town of Franklinton to which he gave a magnificent school building, completed and opened for use just a short while before his death.

and is engaged in banking and cotton manufacturing in Franklinton. The older daughter Mabel, was married to John Augustus Moore, also a cotton manufacturer, in 1910. His mills are located in Rosemary, N. C. The younger daughter, Eleanor, lived with her father in Franklinton. Mrs. Vann died one year ago.

Interested in Community Mr. Vann had always taken a keen interest in public improvement in the town and community. All the willow oaks on all the streets of Franklinton were planted by him. When the question of improving the public roads began to be agitated, he took a leading part, and when Franklinton township voted a bond issue for roads, he became chairman of the township road commission. This commission, of which he was chairman, deserved the credit of having inaugurated and originated the present system of building roads on an elaborate scale. W. S. Falls, then considered to be the best highway engineer in the State, was employed to lay out the roads in the township. A number of prominent men came to inspect this work and the present system of building roads is largely the outgrowth of work begun in Franklinton township by Mr. Vann. Mr. Vann was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Franklinton, having joined in December,



MR. SAMUEL C. VANN

which he had been a member for years, at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Samuel Cannady Vann was born in Darlington county, South Carolina, the son of Dr. Alexander R. Vann. His mother, Elizabeth Cannady Vann was a native of Granville county and Dr. Vann moved from South Carolina to that county to make his home about two years after he was married. The couple lived in Granville until January 1, 1886, when they moved to Forestville in Wake county. Samuel C. Vann spent his childhood on a farm near that village.

Started as Clerk Mr. Vann was educated at the school in Forestville and at Wake Forest College. He came to Franklinton at the age of 20 and clerked in a general store for W. H. Mitchell at a small salary. He remained in the employ of Mr. Mitchell for two years and then went to Baltimore where he was connected with a cotton commission firm for about a year. He left Baltimore and returned to Franklinton where he opened up a general mercantile business of his own and continued in this business for ten years. In 1895 he went into the cotton manufacturing business and organized the Sterling Cotton Mills, a small mill with 2,000 spindles, with a capital of \$50,000. This was successful from the very first and at the end of two years he increased the mill to 6,448 spindles. In the meantime he had bought the interest of all the stockholders in the original mill, paying from two to five times the par value of the stock. In 1912 the mill was enlarged and Mr. Vann's success in manufacturing grew with the passage of the years. In addition to this he had been closely identified with the citizens National Bank of Raleigh for the past twenty years.

On December 18, 1872, Mr. Vann was married to Miss Bettie H. Henley, daughter of James Aldridge and Josephine Henley, of Franklinton. They had three children. The oldest, Aldridge Henley Vann, was married to Elizabeth McDonald Dixon in 1912.

1889. He was always a consistent member and supporter of the church and a staunch friend and supporter of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. Some years ago he established a loan fund of \$20,000 to be known as the Bettie Henley Vann Loan Fund for the benefit of graduates at the orphanage who may want to continue their education in institutions for higher education. The loan has been most successful and about 25 graduates are receiving aid from it at present. He had also contributed \$100,000 to the endowment fund of the orphanage building now nearing completion and in addition to many other generous gifts to church and educational institutions he contributed \$10,000 to the endowment of Trinity College.

Gives Splendid School Building Early in 1920 Mr. Vann first announced his purpose to donate a public school building to Franklinton. Difficulty in securing the proposed site, however, delayed the beginning until the summer of 1922. He had taken a great personal interest in the plans for the building, having visited and inspected the best schools in the State and the Lincoln school in New York City, with the result, that what was intended originally to be a building that would cost \$100,000, it became a \$300,000 building. Mr. Vann repeatedly stated that his only object in donating this building to Franklinton Township was to give the boys and girls of this immediate section the opportunity to secure thorough and practical education.

A vast company gathered Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to pay the last due of respect and affection to Samuel Canady Vann, one of North Carolina's most successful and best loved citizens. In the very center of the town, surrounded by spacious grounds, stands the home which thru the benevolent activities of Mr. Vann and his wife had come to be not only the home of a family, but the center

(Continued on Page Eight)

LIST OF NOMINEES IN THE "SALESMANSHIP CLUB" AND VOTES ALLOWED ON NOMINATION COUPON

If your Name is in the list get busy. If not send it in now.

- Mrs. N. B. Tucker, Louisburg, 20,000
Joe D. Gupton, Route 5, Louisburg, 20,000
Miss Zea Bobbitt, Route 4, Louisburg, 20,000
Miss Al'ce Harris, Louisburg, 20,000
Miss Marie Meade, Louisburg, 20,000
Miss Lillie Harper, Route 6, Louisburg, 20,000
Mr. Bruce Sturdavent, Route 4, Louisburg, 20,000
Mrs. F. B. Leonard, Louisburg, 20,000
Miss Grace Harris, Route 5, Louisburg, 20,000
Miss Marion Hawks, Louisburg, 20,000
W. A. Shearon, Franklinton, 20,000
Miss Bessie Hudson, Youngsville, 20,000
Mrs. E. C. Sexton, Route 2, Spring Hope, 20,000
Mrs. G. T. White, Bunn, 20,000
H. C. Ayscue, Route 1, Youngsville, 20,000
Miss Mamie White, Franklinton, 20,000

"THE FOLLIES" MINSTREL REVUE THURSDAY NIGHT, NOV. 20, SCHOOL AUDITORIUM LOUISBURG

The Kiwanis Club and friends will present with a large company of "Home Talent" singers and performers, the above named attraction, utilizing over 100 star performers, from the ages of six years old to thirty-six years young, in various stunts, episodes, skits and sketches. Representing in part one the "Fancy March and chorus of The Buddie Troopers", "Minstrel Midgets", "Indian Arrow Girls and wood Nymphs, to be followed by "Sis Hopkins and her Beau Billious," "The Street Medicine Man," "The Don't Argue Case", The Gas attack and many other laughing bits to conclude with the part two featuring the last word in black and white minstrelsy!

The Buddie Troopers are Edward Stovall, Davis Perry, Felix Allen, Ben T. Holden, O. C. Hill, Douglas Perry, Francis Pleasants, Louis Leach, Edward Best, Sam Pearce, John Tucker. The Minstrel Midgets are Sarah Hicks, Helen Leigh Fleming, Hazel Allen, Sophie Clifton, Anna Gray Watson, Margaret Holden, Patricia Holden, Lydia Person, Billie Phillips, Kathleen Woodriddle, Temple Yarborough, Terry Allen, Josephine Perry, Lucile Hudson, Mary Anna Clifton, Gertrude Holden, Hazel Johnson, Rebecca Holden.

The Indian Arrow Girls are Margaret Wilder, Pig Beck, Elsie Woodriddle, Mary Best, Felicia Allen, Euzella Hill, Tee Perry, Eliza Newell, Kitty Boddie, Eugenia Perry, Annie Taylor, Frances Turner.

Cast of Characters in sketches "Sis Hopkins"—Miss Beatrice Turner "Don't Argue"—Malcolm McKinne, Straight comedian The Street Medicine Man—Jones

Jew Comedian—Jones Parham Doc Cureal—Mr. James Malone Smudge (Minstrel Troupe of ONE)—Mr. Dick Jennings Hey Rube—William Jackson Cast in the Minstrel Revue Interlocutor—Al Baker Mistah Bones—Dr. A. H. Fleming Mistah Tambo—Mr. William Jackson Mistah Blacbal—Mr. Tracy Stockard Mistah Snoonal—Mr. Jack Brown Pianiste—Mr. S. B. Berkeley Orchestra

Chorus of Minstrel Mads, Beauties and Song Birds: Maude Ashley, Louise Griffin, Mildred Scott, Katharine Pleasants, Pearl Pearce, Babbie Turner, Margaret Turner, Anna Fuller Parham, Tom Ogburn, Alice Harris, Margaret Hill, Jessie Elmore, Max Allen. Chorus of Minstrel Men: Charlie Elmore, Malcolm McKinne, Ernest Thomas, Willie Bledsoe, William White, Edward Griffin.

WINS PRIZES AT SPIVEY'S

The first of the series of drawings was held at F. N. Spivey's store on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The first number drawn out was 2829 and was not held by anyone present. The second number was 158 and was held by Mr. R. B. Perry, who was awarded the \$10 in gold. The third number was 25 and was held by Mr. M. S. Perry who received the second prize \$5 in gold. The fourth number, 344, was not held by anyone. The fifth number was held by Mr. M. S. Perry and was 2688, which drew the third prize of \$2.50 in gold.

TEACHERS MEETINGS AT FRANKLINTON

Supt. E. L. Best is conducting a series of teachers meetings for the Franklinton Graded School teachers. His first meeting was held in the new Franklinton school building Monday afternoon, Nov. 10th. Two meetings each week will be held for the next several weeks. He reported nineteen on roll.

EX-GOVERNOR KITCHIN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

DIED EARLY SUNDAY AT SCOTLAND NECK

Mr. Kitchin Served 12 Years in Congress and Was Elected Governor in 1908—Funeral Was Held in Scotland Neck Baptist Church—Was Member of Family Long Prominent in State's Politics

Scotland Neck, Nov. 9.—W. W. Kitchin, former Governor of North Carolina, former representative in congress and brother of the late Claude Kitchin Democratic house leader, died here Sunday after a long illness.

Mr. Kitchin recently became critically ill but Saturday rallied and appeared to be growing better. During the night, however, he suffered a relapse and died at 3 a. m. All members of his family were at his bedside.

Funeral services were held at the Scotland Neck Baptist church at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. William Walton Kitchin was a member of a family long prominent in North Carolina politics and which furnished, at various times, three members of Congress. His father, Captain William H. Kitchin, represented the second North Carolina district in the 46th Congress and later his brother, Claude Kitchin represented the same district.

In Congress 12 Years Former Governor Kitchin represented the fifth district for 12 years prior to being elected governor.

Governor Kitchin was born at Scotland Neck, October 9, 1866. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1884 and became editor of the Scotland Neck Democrat. In 1887 he was admitted to the bar and took up the practice of law at Roxboro in 1888.

In 1896 Governor Kitchin was elected to Congress from the fifth district, defeating Thomas Settle, Republican, who had represented the district for many years, after a series of joint debates. He was the only Democrat elected to Congress from the state in that election.

He continued in Congress until 1908 when he was nominated for governor. In 1912 he was defeated for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator by Senator F. M. Simmons. He then retired from politics and was a member of the law firm of Manning and Kitchin until 1913 when he retired because of ill health.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday night of last week with all members present.

The tax rate for the town for the ensuing fiscal year was fixed at \$2.85 on the \$100 worth of property.

B. B. Perry was unanimously elected Clerk, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. F. B. McKinne. He was allowed to conduct his insurance business in his usual manner not to conflict with the business of the town.

After adopting the budget for the ensuing year adjournment was taken.

COTTON REPORT

The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 7,912 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin county, from the crop of 1924 prior to November 1, 1924 as compared with 15,344 bales ginned to November 1, 1923.

THE FRANKLIN TIMES \$1.50 Per Year In Advance

BIG EXTRA VOTE OFFER

MR. W. H. YARBOROUGH SPEAKS TO WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

William Y. Bickett, James R. Earl, William A. Winston, Presented Crosses From United Daughters Confederacy—Veterans Given Barbecue Dinner at Fair Grounds

Quite a good number of Franklin County's people gathered in the court house Tuesday at 12 o'clock to observe Armistice Day exercises and enjoyed one of the best speeches that has been heard here in a long time.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough, the speaker of the occasion was equal to his best and held the deepest interest of his many hearers as he told of the glorious memories resulting from the great World War. He said it was one of his sweetest memories to know that Franklin County boys were with the 36th Division when it first broke the impregnable Hindenburg line.

He paid a beautiful tribute to the women who did such valiant and tireless work at home doing their bit, and he knew the boys must have thought that the women of the United States were the proudest in the world. He paid a beautiful tribute to the late President, Woodrow Wilson. Declaring that the United States had never fought a war for glory—they always fought for freedom and justice—he said "the life of our boys in France was the life that could only be seen by God." He painted a beautiful picture of the heroism, patriotism and bravery of the boys who left home and crossed the wide Atlantic to fight and die for civilization and democracy.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Yarborough delivered crosses to Messrs. William Y. Bickett, James R. Earl, and William A. Winston. These crosses as explained by Mrs. S. J. Parham were given by the Daughters of the Confederacy to sons of the Confederate Veterans.

Major S. P. Boddie was master of ceremonies and in behalf of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion invited all World War Veterans, gold star mothers and fathers and old Confederate Veterans to partake of a barbecue dinner at the fair grounds.

The day was a memorable one and quite a number joined in preserving the memory for which it stands.

At the close of the special bonus period, November 22, each worker's total subscriptions up to that date will be credited with the bonus on the \$30 basis. That is to say each worker's total will be divided by \$30, and the number of times \$30 will go into the total will be multiplied by 175,000 and the product will be credited to the account of the campaign drive members.

Make Hay While Sun Shines From now to November 22 the sun will be shining more brightly than any other period in the Times Salesman's Club, and now is the time for workers to be making hay. Now is the time for new members to enter while subscriptions have such tremendous value. Now is the time to step on the gas if you have already entered.

The giving of this big bonus is a special inducement for hard work at the start. It is an inducement to all entries to put forth their best efforts now. It is a counter attraction against procrastination. It is a device to prevent any holding back of any credits.

What you do now will be worth more than what you do after November 22. The votes apply throughout to the close of the campaign. But every subscription which you obtain now to November 22, and which you have already obtained will boost your account.

It is plain therefore, that this is the golden harvest period and the field is rich. And the prizes to be given by the Times are the most numerous and most valuable ever given by any newspaper in this part of the state.

Your Name Should Be In List The Times wants you to enter the race. You will find the work both interesting and highly profitable and every assistance will be given in helping you outline a successful campaign. All one needs to do in order to enter the campaign is to clip out the nomination coupon which appears today and mail or bring it to the campaign office located in the Franklin Times building. Full particulars, receipt books and all information pertaining to the prize and to the campaign in general will be furnished. But do it today.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH Since Bro. Dowd is away attending the annual conference, there will be no services at M. E. Church.

We, the members of the Baptist Church give his flock a most cordial invitation to worship with us in our regular services at our church at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

J. A. Johnson, Pastor Baptist church.

TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AND OPEN AGAIN DECEMBER 1ST TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Although the sales of tobacco on the local market have been light the past week the prices seem to be advancing higher each day, reaching \$1 per pound yesterday. The demand continues strong for all grades and lively bidding is the result.

The tobacco market, both open and peck, will close on Wednesday, November 26th to observe Thanksgiving. All houses will open again on Monday, December 1st.

Get your tobacco ready and bring it on to Louisburg where a cordial welcome and especially high prices await you.

MR. F. B. MCKINNE TO GO TO GOLDSBORO

Mr. F. B. McKinne, Louisburg's most efficient Clerk, tendered his resignation at a recent meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners, to become effective December 1st. Mr. McKinne has accepted the management of the business department of the State Hospital at Goldsboro, to become effective January first. In the change Louisburg has lost a most capable and efficient official, while the State is to be congratulated upon the wise selection of Mr. McKinne for this important position. While his many friends here regret to lose him as a citizen of Louisburg they are glad to know that he is taking up a work that will be more remunerative to himself and one which he can be of so much service to the State. We are especially pleased to note that Mr. McKinne does not contemplate breaking all ties with Louisburg at the present.

TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AND OPEN AGAIN DECEMBER 1ST TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Although the sales of tobacco on the local market have been light the past week the prices seem to be advancing higher each day, reaching \$1 per pound yesterday. The demand continues strong for all grades and lively bidding is the result.

The tobacco market, both open and peck, will close on Wednesday, November 26th to observe Thanksgiving. All houses will open again on Monday, December 1st.

Get your tobacco ready and bring it on to Louisburg where a cordial welcome and especially high prices await you.

MR. F. B. MCKINNE TO GO TO GOLDSBORO

Mr. F. B. McKinne, Louisburg's most efficient Clerk, tendered his resignation at a recent meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners, to become effective December 1st. Mr. McKinne has accepted the management of the business department of the State Hospital at Goldsboro, to become effective January first. In the change Louisburg has lost a most capable and efficient official, while the State is to be congratulated upon the wise selection of Mr. McKinne for this important position. While his many friends here regret to lose him as a citizen of Louisburg they are glad to know that he is taking up a work that will be more remunerative to himself and one which he can be of so much service to the State. We are especially pleased to note that Mr. McKinne does not contemplate breaking all ties with Louisburg at the present.